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あらすじ

昭和33年。チキンランを生き残った少年・赤木しげるは、初めて打つ麻雀でも異才を発揮し、ヤクザ相手の勝負に次々と勝利を収めてゆく。昭和40年。退屈に倦んだ資産家・鷲巣は、血液を賭ける狂気の麻雀を行っていた。アカギ・仰木・安岡の3人は、殺人鬼・鷲巣を狩るため、生き血を賭けた勝負・鷲巣麻雀に挑む。6回戦南1局3本場。これまでにアカギは血液2000ccを失う一方、鷲巣から資産6億円・血液810ccを奪った。仰木は思う。次局、親のアカギのマンガン直撃があれば、鷲巣は死……！　追いつめたっ鷲巣をついにっ……！

登場人物

鷲巣

権力を利用して巨万の富を築いた老人。麻雀で若者の命をもてあそぶ。

安岡

不良刑事。アカギを立てて鷲巣の資産5億円を奪おうとしている。

仲木

稲田組の若頭。安岡の誘いに乗りアカギを使って鷲巣に挑戦する。

鷲巣の部下たち。

【鷲巣麻雀概要】

アカギが半荘6回戦を戦い抜けばアカギ側の勝利。途中でアカギが絶命すれば、それまでに得た現金も全て没収、鷲巣側の勝利となる。

●レート:1000点＝100万円＝血液100cc。アカギと鷲巣のサシ勝負。ウマ(1万・3万)・オカを加算したポイント差で半荘ごとに精算。アカギの致死量2000ccは点棒2万点に相当し、鷲巣の現有資産5億円は50万点に相当する。

●ガラス牌:1種4牌のうち3枚が透明ガラス牌。

●ボーナス払い:半荘精算時以外にも、アカギと鷲巣の間で直接点棒の移動があった場合には、その局ごとに血液or現金をやりとりする。

●鷲巣側の特例:半荘2回を区切りとして勝負を続行するか、途中終了するかを、鷲巣側のみ選択できる。

●5回戦終了時、新たに順位負けの血液精算とチョンボの支払いをアカギと鷲巣のサシで支払う取り決めを追加。

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6th Ranchan, South 1st Round, 3rd Honba
East Seat, Akagi: 57,900 Points
Lost Blood: 2000 ccs
West Seat, Washizu: 86,500 Points
Lost Blood: 810 cc
Lost Money: 600 Million Yen

CHAPTER 195: PURSUIT
第195話:追撃

Akagi has made a tremendous pursuit!
He now draws near!
In the East 4th Round, he threw away his Hon Itsu for a 3900-point hand!
And that direct hit was only the beginning...
Continuing into the South 1st Round...
In his all-important dealer round, he let go of the Dai San Gen he had for a Mangan Direct Hit!
And then...

And finally...
This was also Mangan (with 1 Honba bonus) for 12,300!
He made his hand look like it was Chii Toitsu while actually waiting for a 2-sou.
In the South 1st Round, 1st Honba...
And at the end, Washizu...
As if caving in to Akagi's firmness...
He hung on as long as possible...
In the last round, the South 1st Round, 2nd Honba...
In this game of Washizu Mahjong with transparent tiles...
4 Consecutive Direct Hits!
This is truly a miraculous development!
It was 5800 with 2 Honba bonuses and a Riichi stick, for 7400!
Drew and dealt the 2-Man!

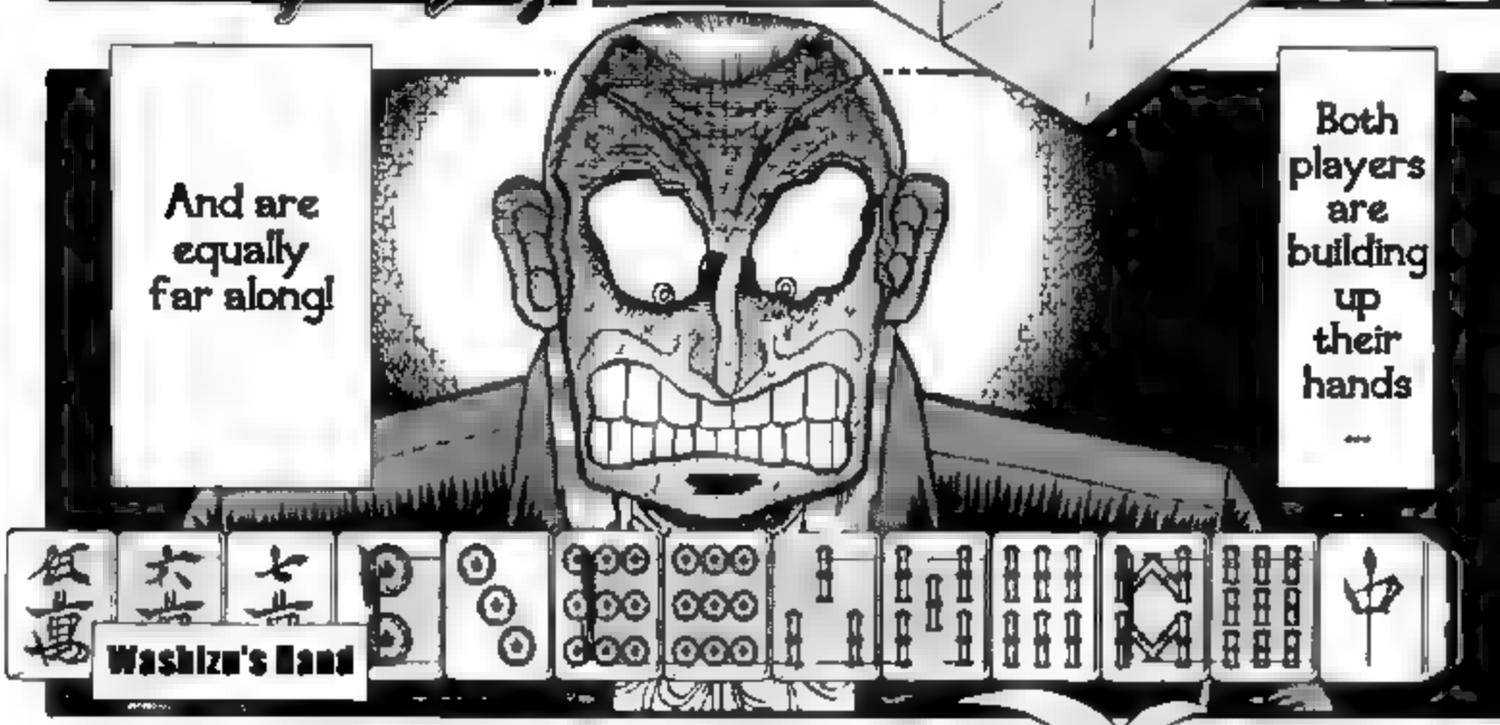
Within striking distance of Washizu!
Akagi has suddenly found himself in range!
And with this mir-acle ...
THEY HAVE LOCKED SWORDS!
THEY ARE NOW AT EACH OTHERS' THROATS ...

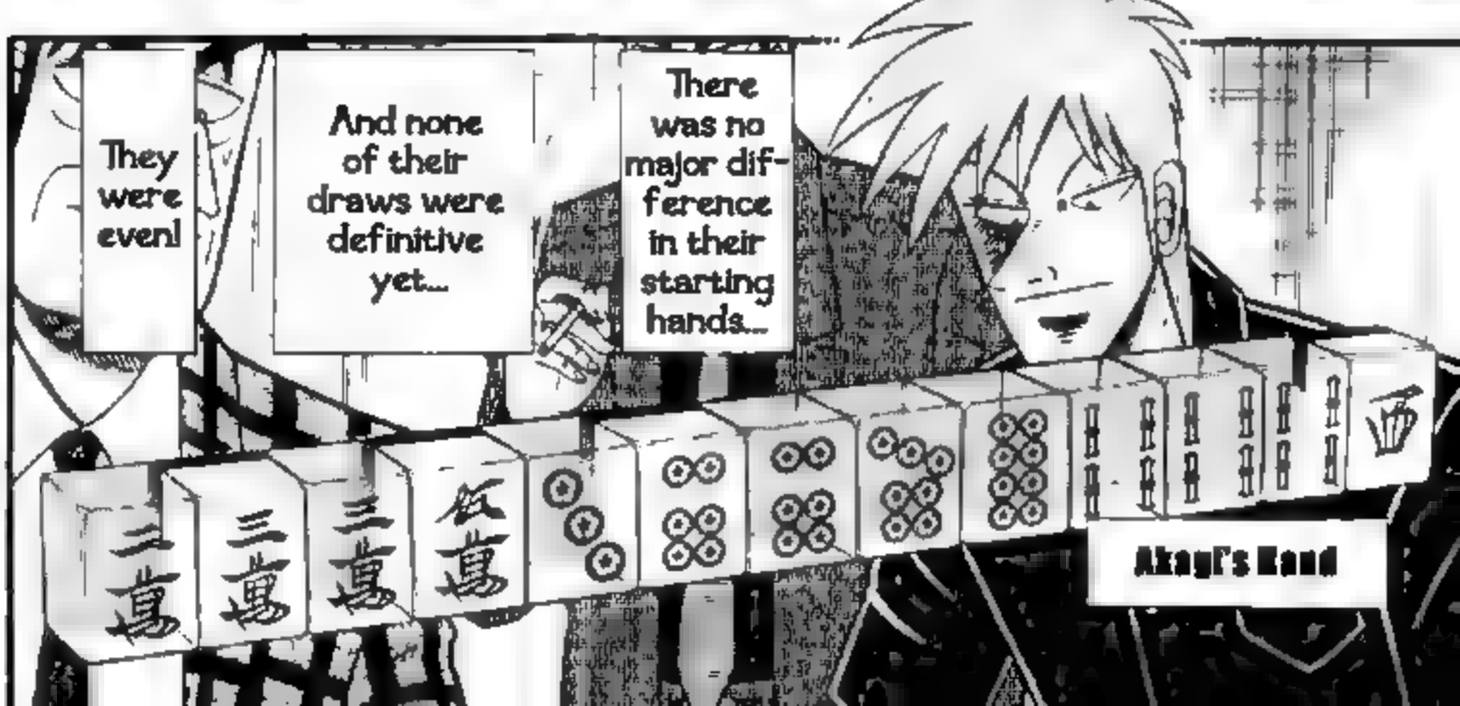
(T/N: This page actually uses a Kendo term, and it kind of loses its meaning if you don't know Kendo. Akagi and Washizu are locked in "Tsuba-Zeriai" where they both lunged at each other and their swords locked, and they are both trying to push each other away to get an opening for a finishing blow. It's a very rare, and very intense moment in Kendo, where both martial artists are one wrong move away from defeat.)

It is the South 1st Round, 3rd Honba.
AND THERE IS A SWORD INCHES FROM YOUR FACE!
Even the slightest mistake could be fatal!
Washizu's Hand

And you lose any force behind your push...
Or if your determination falters...
If you lose your concentration for a moment...
And cause blood to spill!
The opponent's sword will dig into your flesh
From the first discard to the second —
The kind of pressure involved in this match!
That is the kind of mental strain...

And then the third!

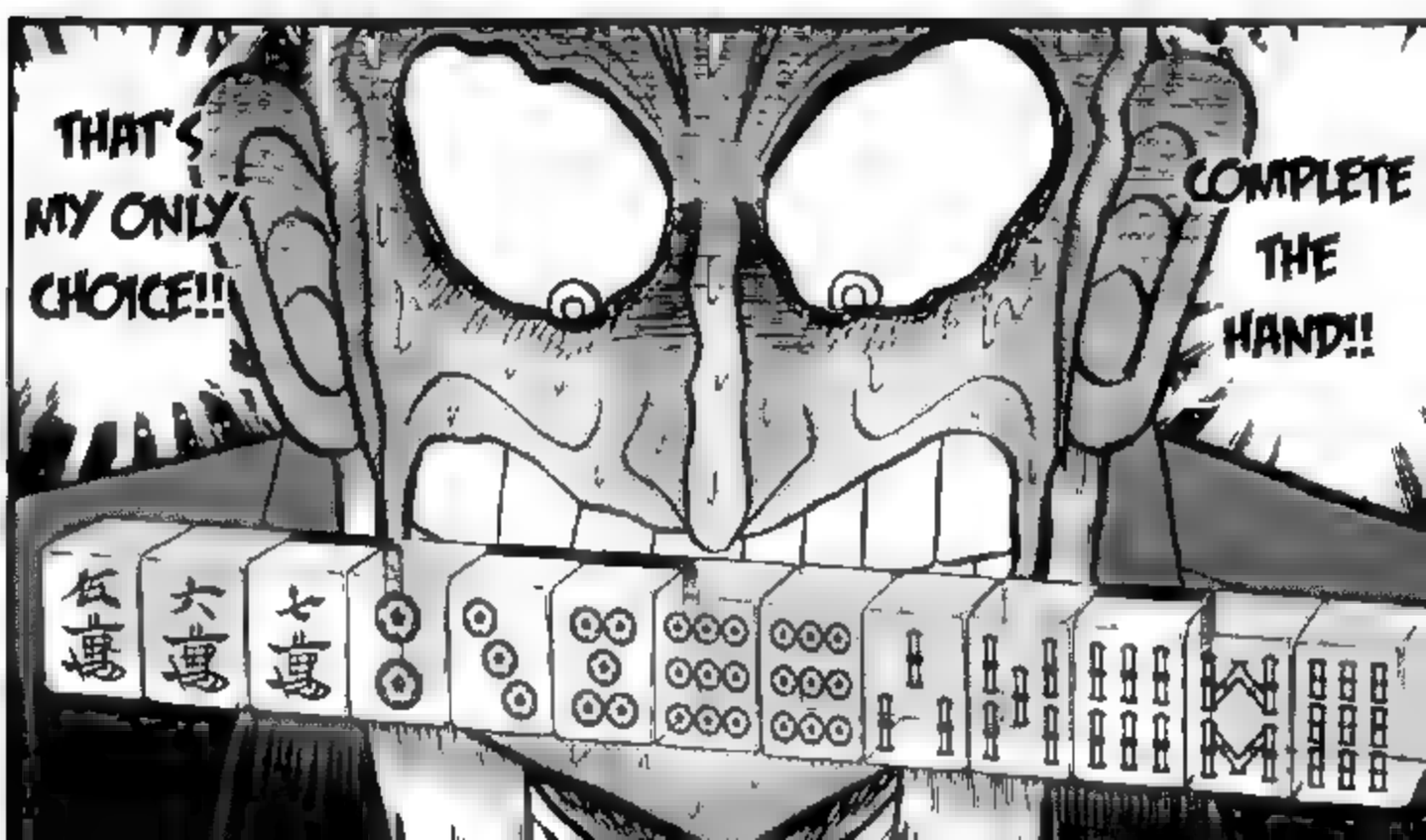

Both players are building up their hands ...
And are equally far along!
Washizu's Hand


There was no major difference in their starting hands...
And none of their draws were definitive yet...
They were even!
Akagi's Hand

Washizu already saw as a disadvantage!
Being on an even playing field with Akagi...
But even as they were...
FIRST!!
I NEED TO BE FIRST!!
MY ONLY MEANS OF ESCAPE...
IF THE BATTLE GOES ON A LONG TIME, I'LL JUST BE ENSNARED IN ANOTHER OF THAT DEMON'S TRAPS!
IT WON'T MEAN ANY-THING!!
IF I'M NOT AHEAD OF HIM...

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY!
IS TO RUN AWAY BEFORE HE CAN MAKE A MOVE!

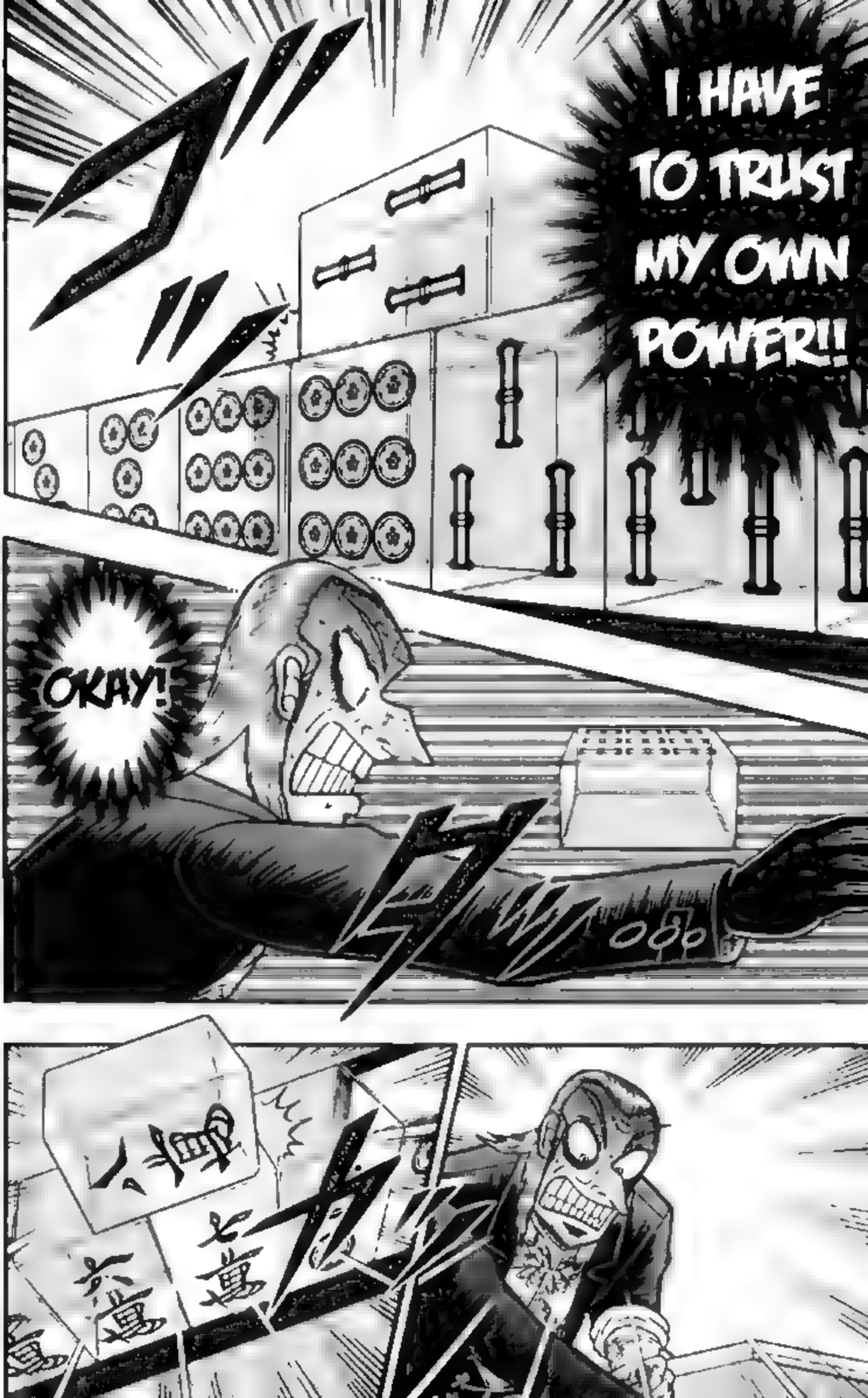
AND IMMEDI-ATELY, EVEN IF I HAVE TO HAVE IT DEALT INTO...
GET TO TENPAI BEFORE THE OPPONENT DOES...


THAT'S MY ONLY CHOICE!!
COMPLETE THE HAND!!

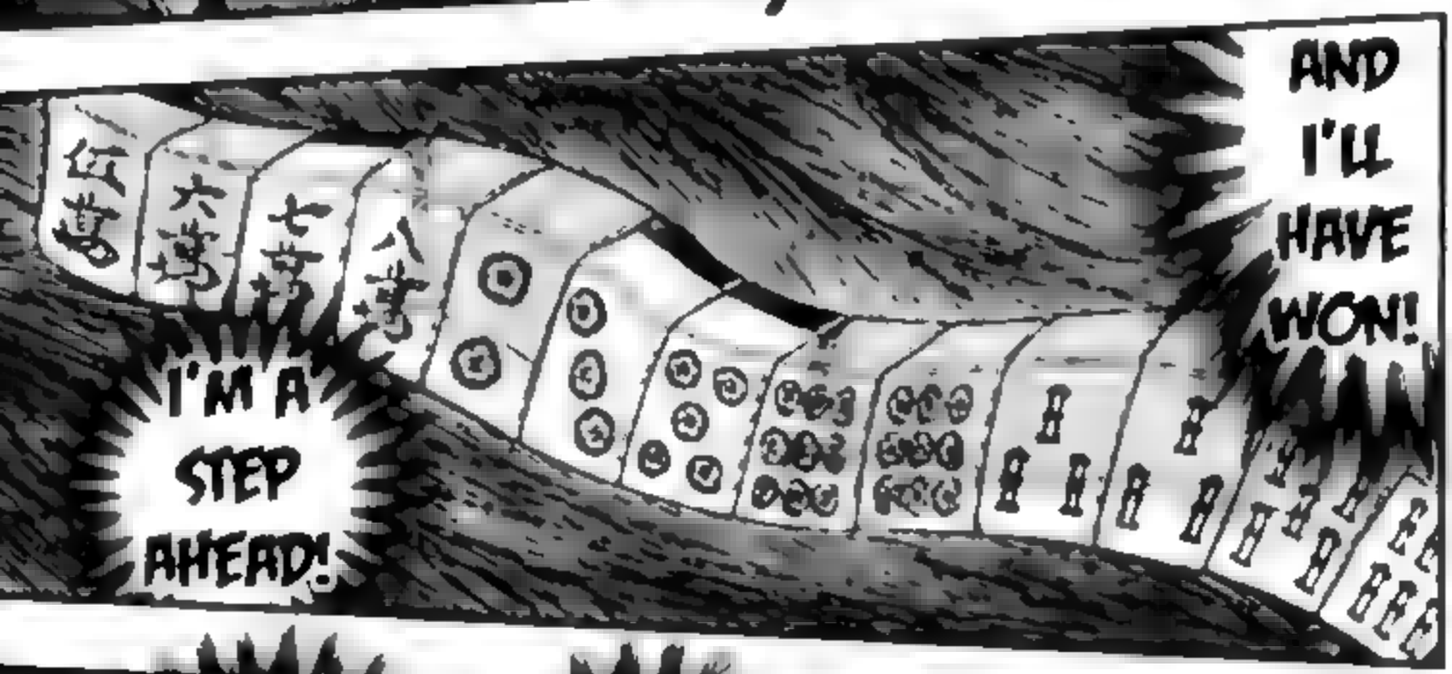
STRATEGY IS SIMPLY USELESS TO ME!
WHICH IS WHY...
I DON'T CARE HOW HIS HAND IS, NOW!!
I DON'T CARE!
ONLY ME!!
I ONLY CARE ABOUT MYSELF !!
I'LL ISOLATE MYSELF!!
I ONLY CARE ABOUT ME!!
NOBODY ELSE!!

ME!
ME!!
ME!!!
I LIVE AND DIE WITH MYSELF, AND MYSELF ALONE!
THAT'S HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN WITH ME!
FROM THE START ...

I'M THE ONLY THING IN THE WORLD THAT I LIKE!!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SELFISH, AND SELF-CEN-TERED!
THAT, IN ITSELF, IS THE SOURCE OF MY POWER!
SO TRUST IT!!


I HAVE TO TRUST MY OWN POWER!!
OKAY!

JUST A BIT MORE ...
VERY GOOD!
YES, GOOD!


I'M A STEP AHEAD!
AND I'LL HAVE WON!

GUIDES PEOPLE INTO MAKING MISTAKES...
USING BLACK MAGIC!
THAT DEMON ...
I'M A STEP AHEAD OF THAT DEMON!

I HAVE TO MAKE A HAND!!
I HAVE TO BRING A HAND TO COMPLE-TION!!
WASHI-ZU--SAMA ...
OF INGENUITY, TACTICS, AND SCHEMES...
SO BEFORE HE CAN MAKE HIS SPIDER WEB...

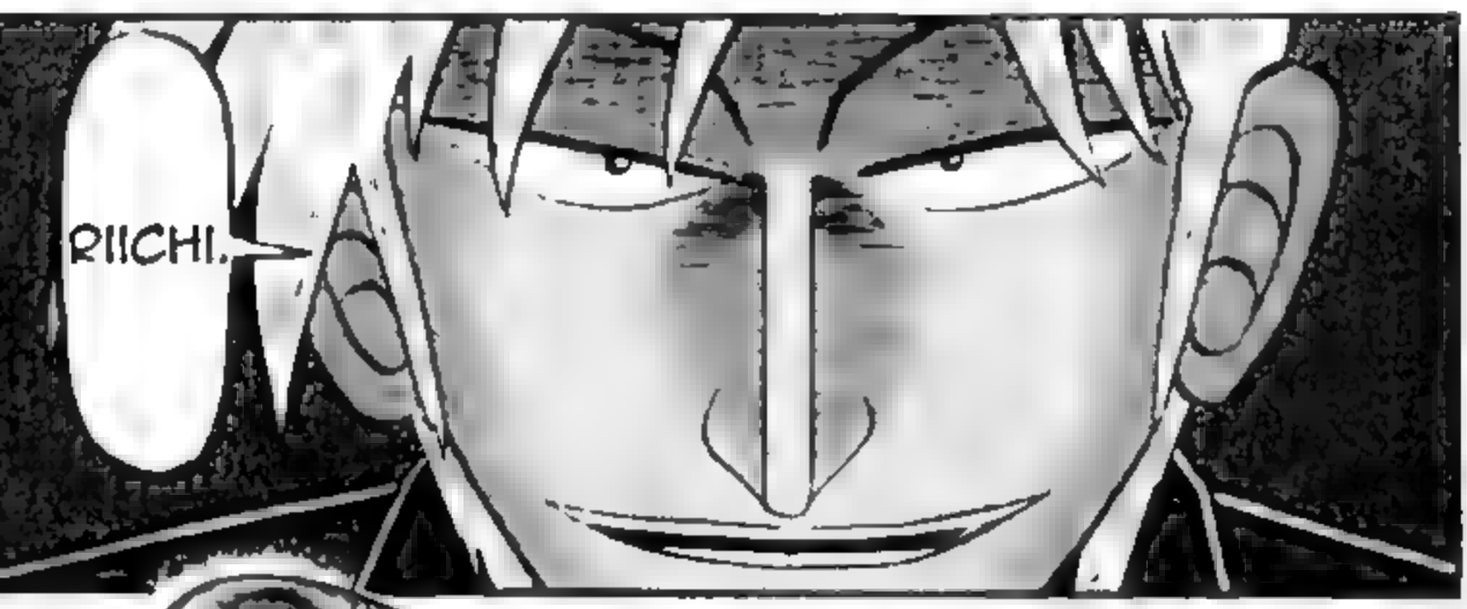
HE'S BLOCKING HIM OUT!
HE ISN'T LOOKING AT AKAGI...
WASHIZU HASN'T LIFTED HIS HEAD UP EVEN ONCE SINCE THIS ROUND STARTED!
IF HE MAKES IT THERE, HE WON'T DECLARE HIS TENPAI!
SO HE'LL BE IN SILENT TENPAI...?
SO IT'S CLOSE TO IMPOSSIBLE THAT HE'LL RIICHI!
AKAGI CAN'T AFFORD TO DEAL IN...
HE'S TRYING TO MAKE SURE HE WON'T BE TEMPTED!
HE'S NOT THINKING ABOUT THAT!
HE WON'T LOOK!
EVEN STILL...
AND THE CHANCE OF HIM HAVING A SILENT TENPAI GETS BIGGER EVERY PASSING TURN, BUT...

HM-HMM
...

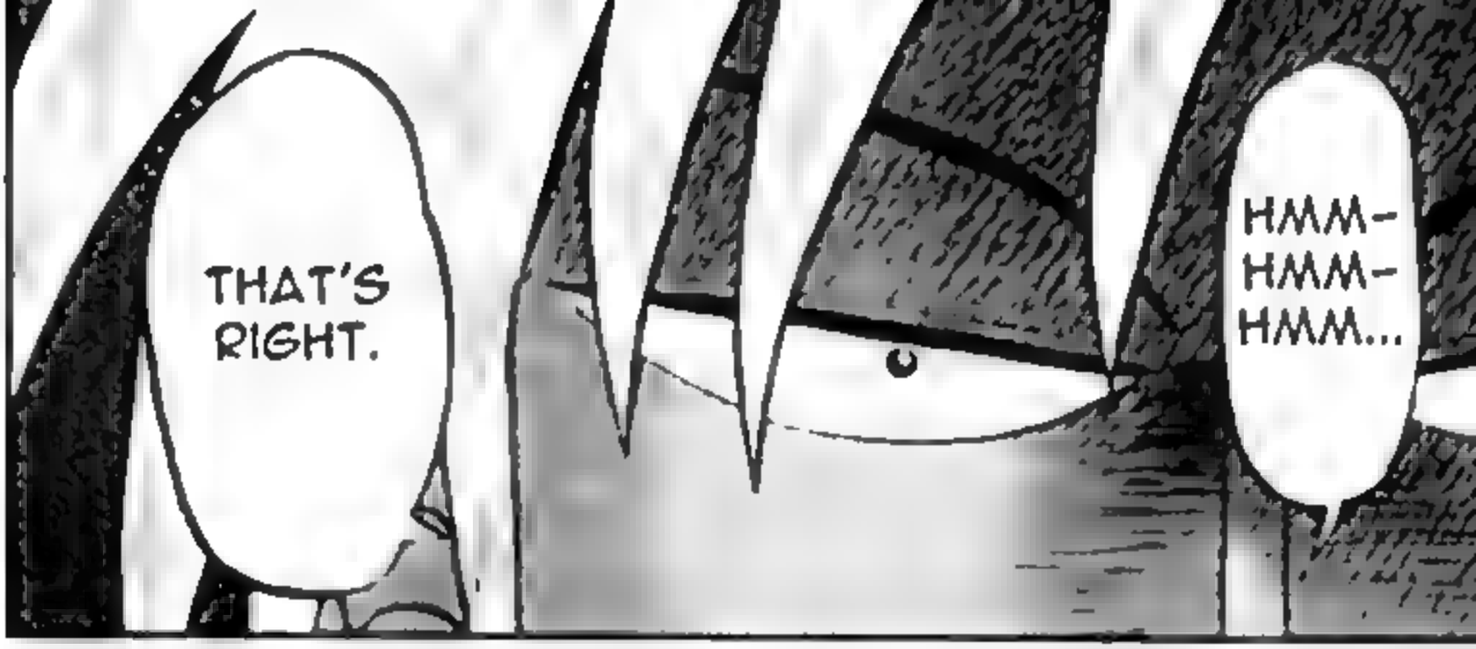
WASHIZU IWAO.
WAY TO GIVE ME THE COLD SHOUL-DER...

WON'T YOU AT LEAST LOOK AT ME...
EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE?
HM-HMM...
NOT EVEN A GLANCE, HUH...
.....

GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE'


RIICHI.

GEH!

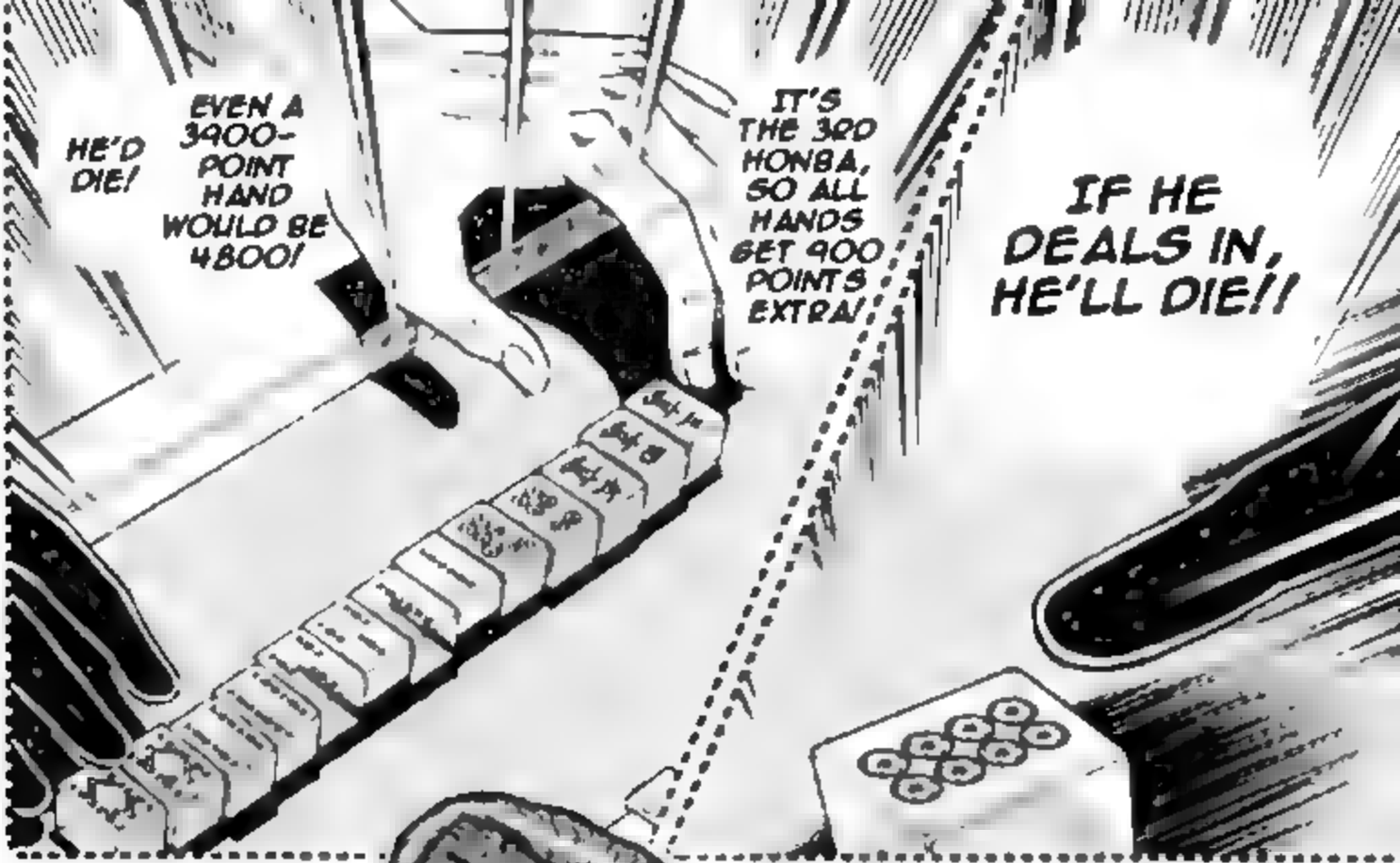

HMM-
HMM-
HMM...
THAT'S
RIGHT.

IF YOU DON'T
LOOK, YOU'LL
BE IN BIG
TROUBLE...
WITH
RIICHIS!

GGH...!
GRRRRRGHHHH...!
On the 10th turn...
South 1st Round, 3rd Honba.
Akagi ...
calls Riichi.

CHAPTER 196: RIICHI
第196話 立直

NO... ACTU-ALLY...
I MEAN, HE'S LOST 2000 CCS TO THIS POINT...
EITHER WAY...
CONSIDERING THE 500 CCS WE ADDED PRIOR, IT'S EFFECTIVELY 1500, BUT...
UNBE-LIEV-ABLE!!
THAT'S SUP-POSED TO BE IMPOS-SIBLE, HERE!


HE'D DIE!
EVEN A 3900-POINT HAND WOULD BE 4800!
IT'S THE 3RD HONBA, SO ALL HANDS GET 900 POINTS EXTRA!
IF HE DEALS IN, HE'LL DIE!!

AND YET...

SHOULDN'T BE PERMISSIBLE!!
CALLING RIICHI AND MAKING YOURSELF LIKE A PUPPET TO FATE...
HE CALLS RIICHI, WHERE HE HAS TO DEAL WHATEVER HE DRAWS!

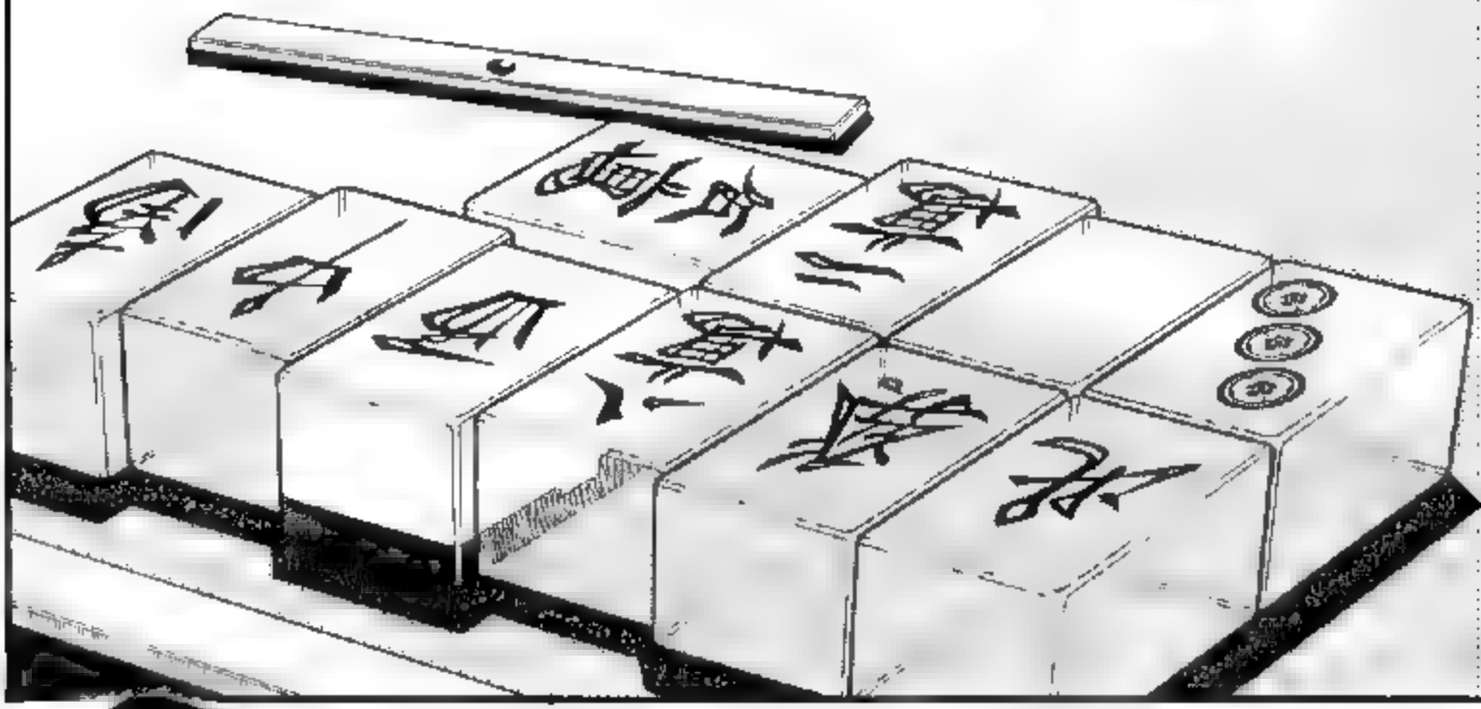
AH...!

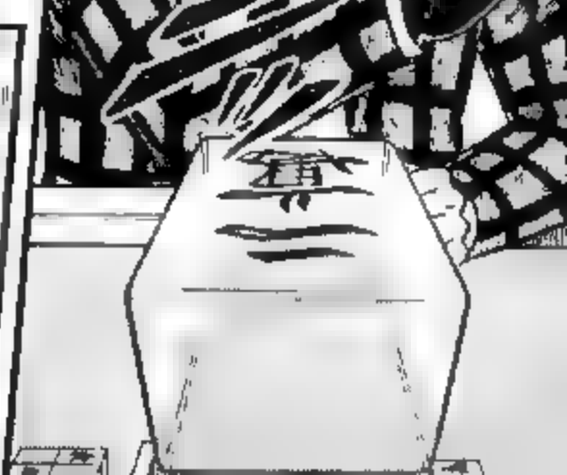
AHHH! SO THAT'S IT!
THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING, HERE!
THAT'S ALL...

HE CAN HAVE HIS PARTNER DEAL IN WHENEVER HE LIKES..
IS FOR THE DETECTIVE TO DEAL INTO HIS HAND!
ALL HE NEEDS ...
HE HAS THIS OPT-ION!
HE HAS THAT INSURANCE!

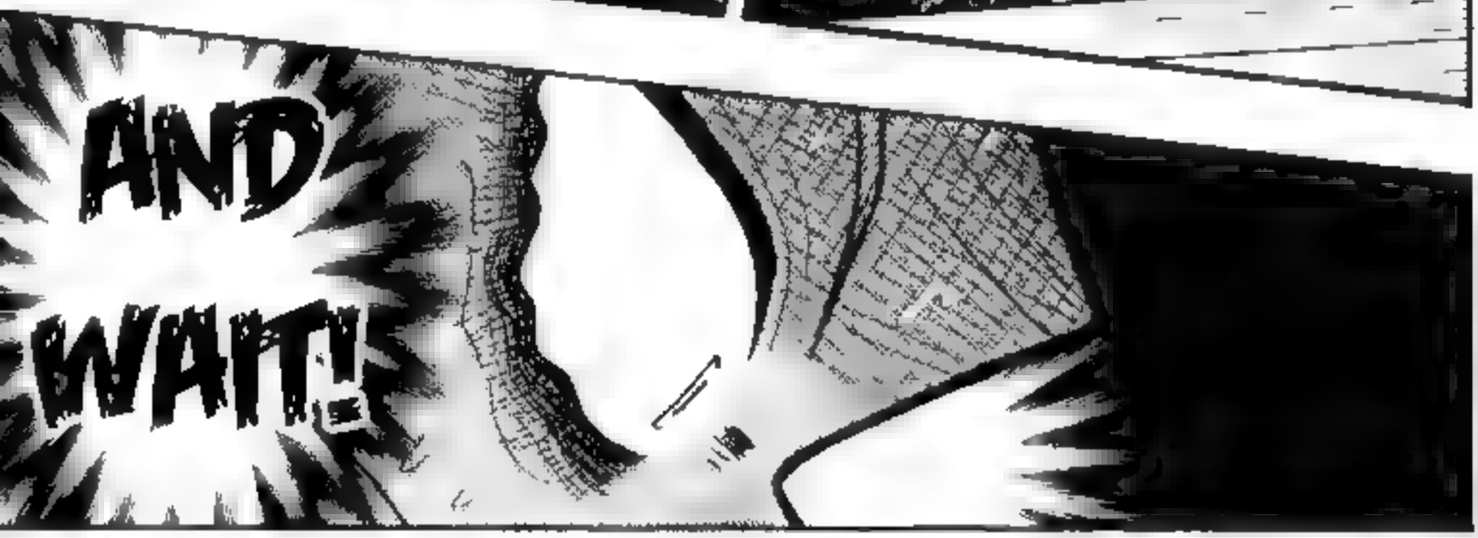
TO CALL RIICHI LIKE HE DID!

IF HE DIDN'T, HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT!

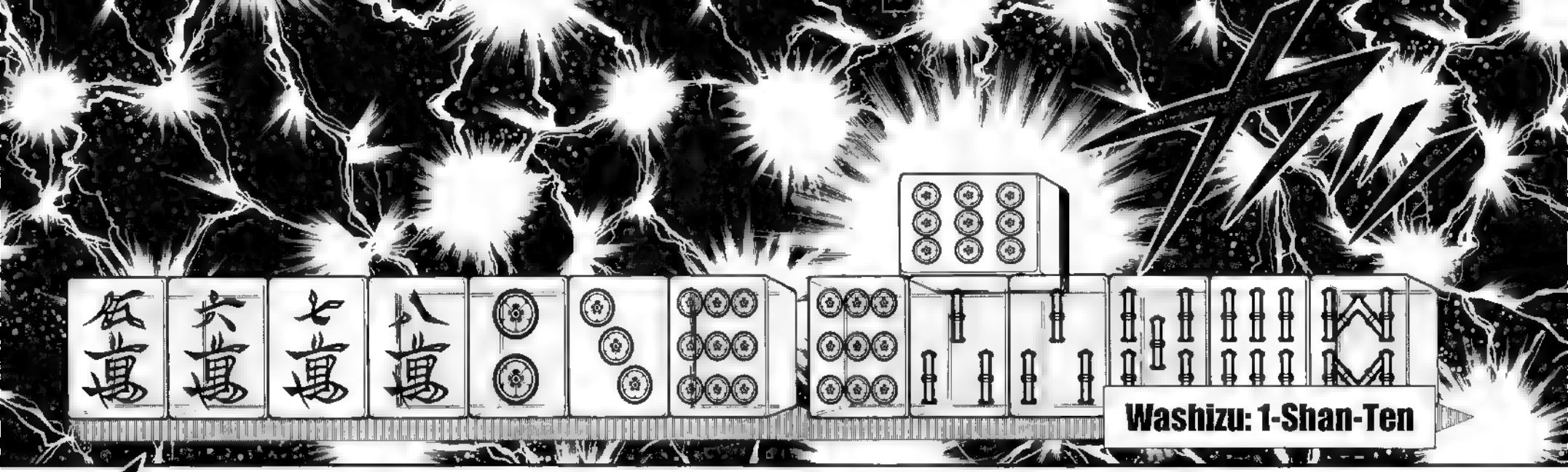




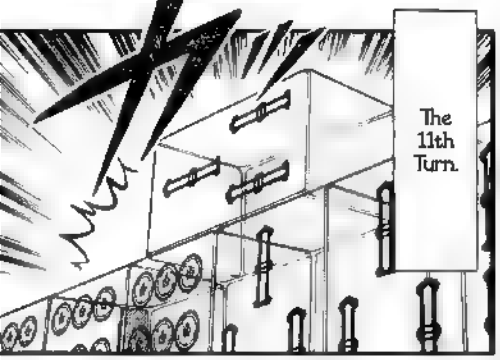
HE'LL KEEP THAT OPTION AVAILABLE...
HE'S GOING TO LET IT PASS!
UNTIL I GET MY TENPAI ...

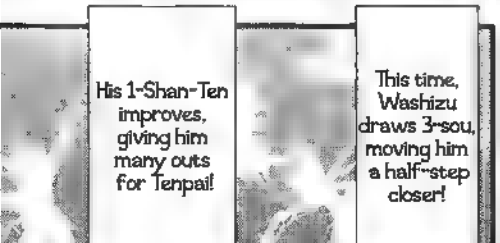

AND WAIT!

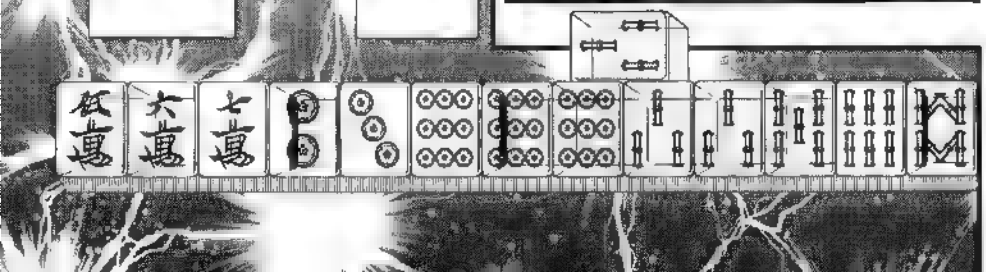
DEAL INTO HIS HAND!!
WAIT FOR ME TO CARELESSLY...
WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT!

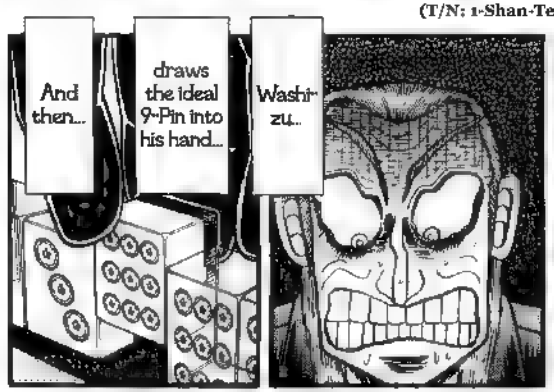


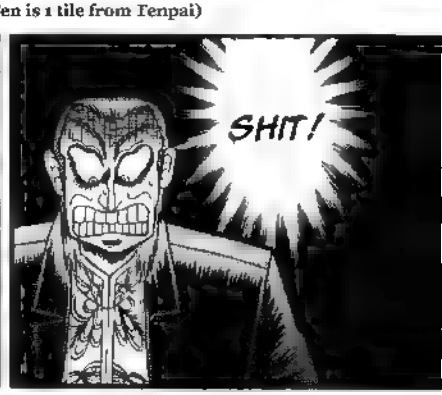
(T/N: 1-Shan-Ten is 1 tile from Tenpai)







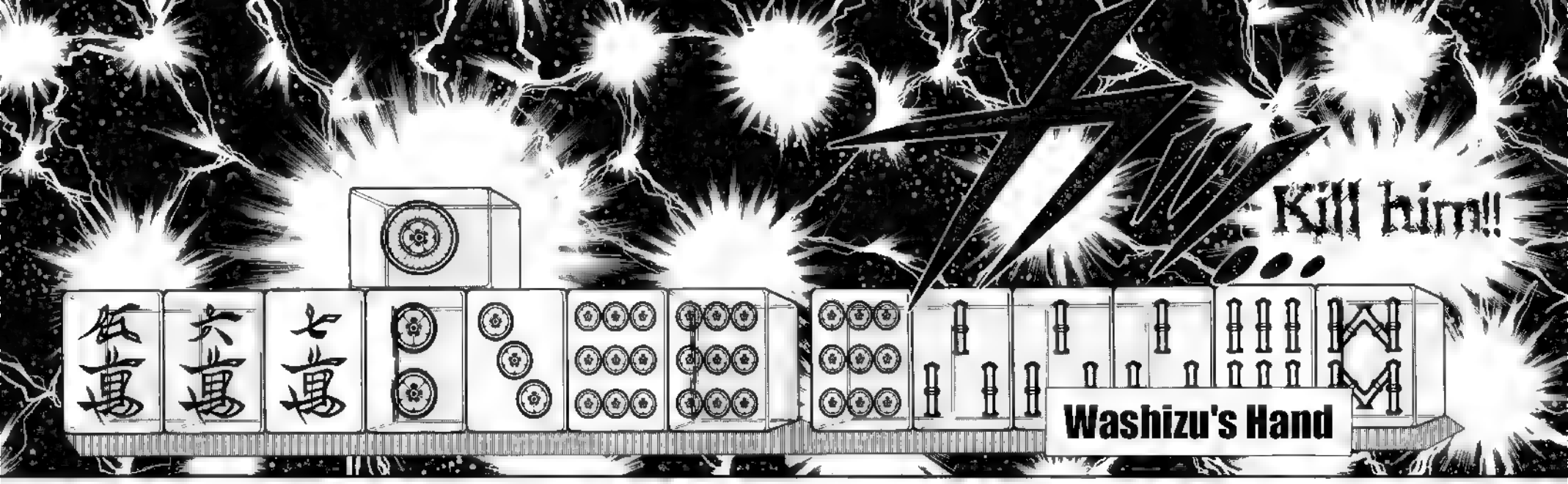




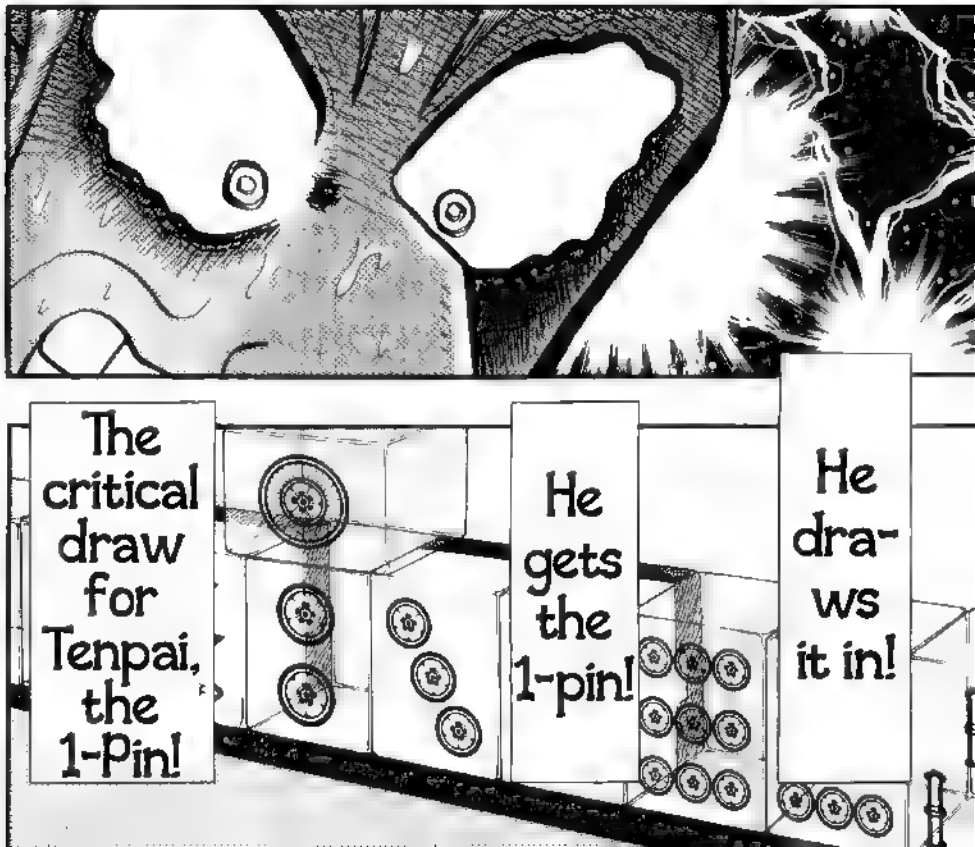
SO DEAL-ING MINE ...
I HAD SUZUKI PLAY THE 5-SOU LAST TURN ...
I HAVE TO DEAL THE 5- OR 8-SOU FOR THIS, BUT...

IS OF NO CONCERN!
I'M AD-VANC-ING!!
Washizu's Hand

CHARGE FOR-WARDS !!
ADVANCE!
ADVANCE!!
STAB HIM!!
AND MAKING WASTED MOVES ...
WHILE THE ENEMY IS PUTTING OFF DEALING IN...
WIN!
WIN!!!
WIN!!
WIN!


Kill him!!
Washizu's Hand

In Ten-pai!
He has arrived ...


The critical draw for Tenpai, the 1-Pin!
He gets the 1-pin!
He dra-ws it in!

On the 12th Turn ...
Washi-zu hits Tenpai!
六萬
七萬
He has caught up!
GRGH ...!

Washizu has 4 ways to get to Tenpai.
At this mom-ent...
Though, while he has indeed caught up, moving forward is most difficult.
Caur-ght up to Akagi!
The fol-owing 4 shapes:
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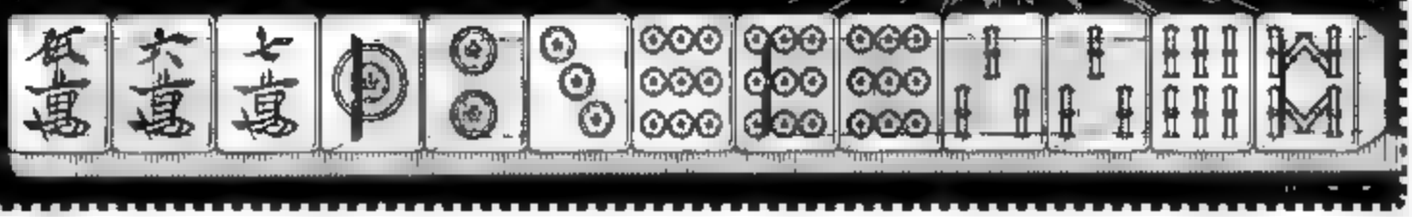
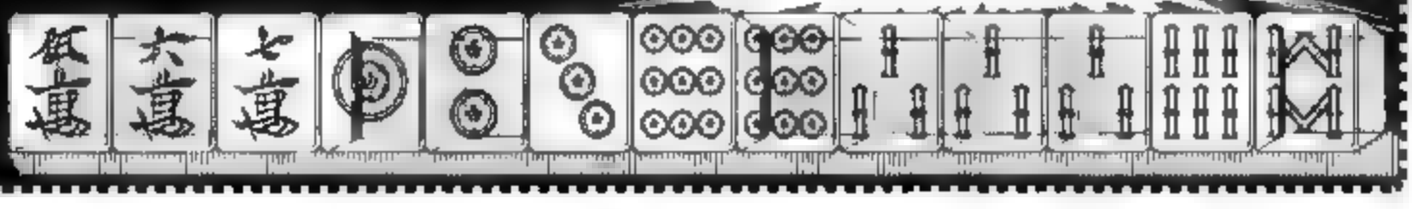
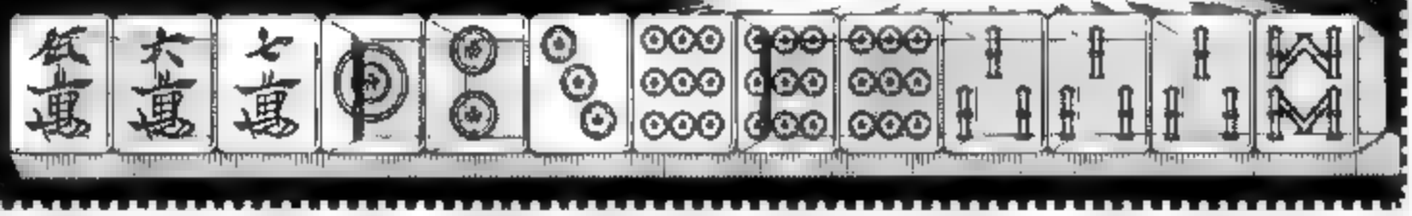
Dealing 3-Sou for a 7-Sou wait



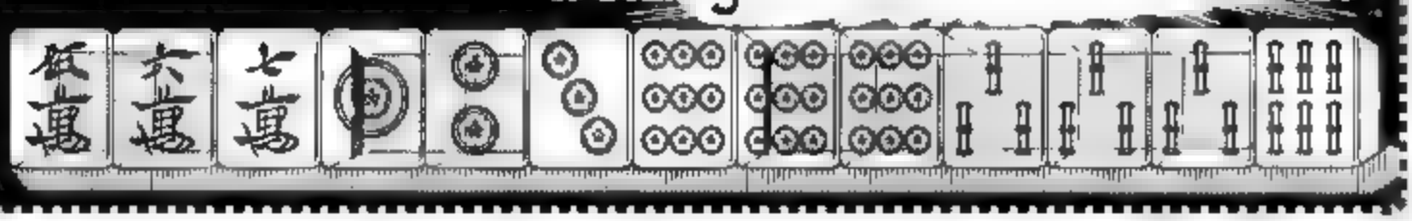
Dealing 9-Pin for a 7-Sou wait

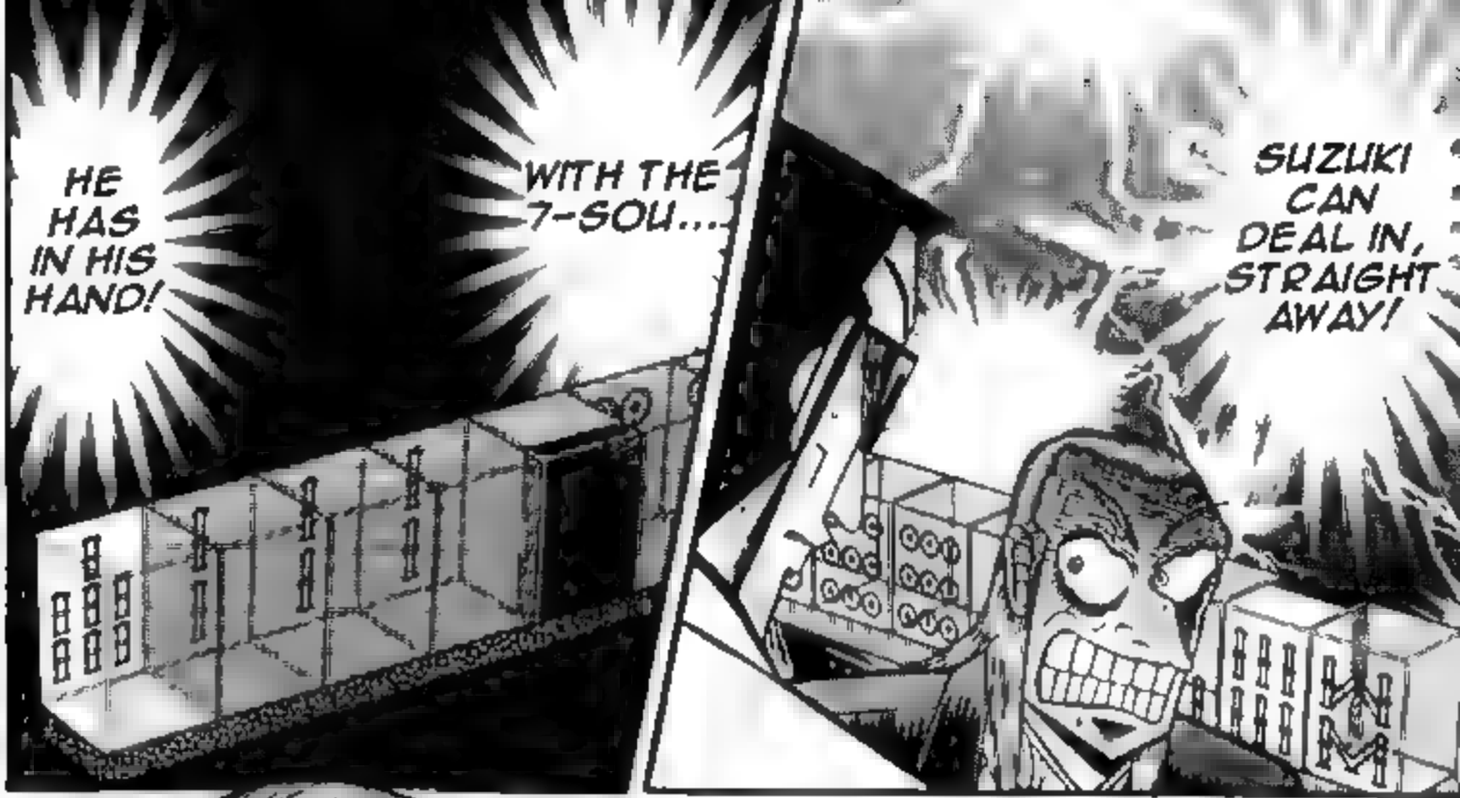


Dealing 6-Sou for a 8-Sou wait



Dealing 8-Sou for a 6-Sou wait




HE HAS IN HIS HAND!
WITH THE 7-SOU...
SUZUKI CAN DEAL IN, STRAIGHT AWAY!

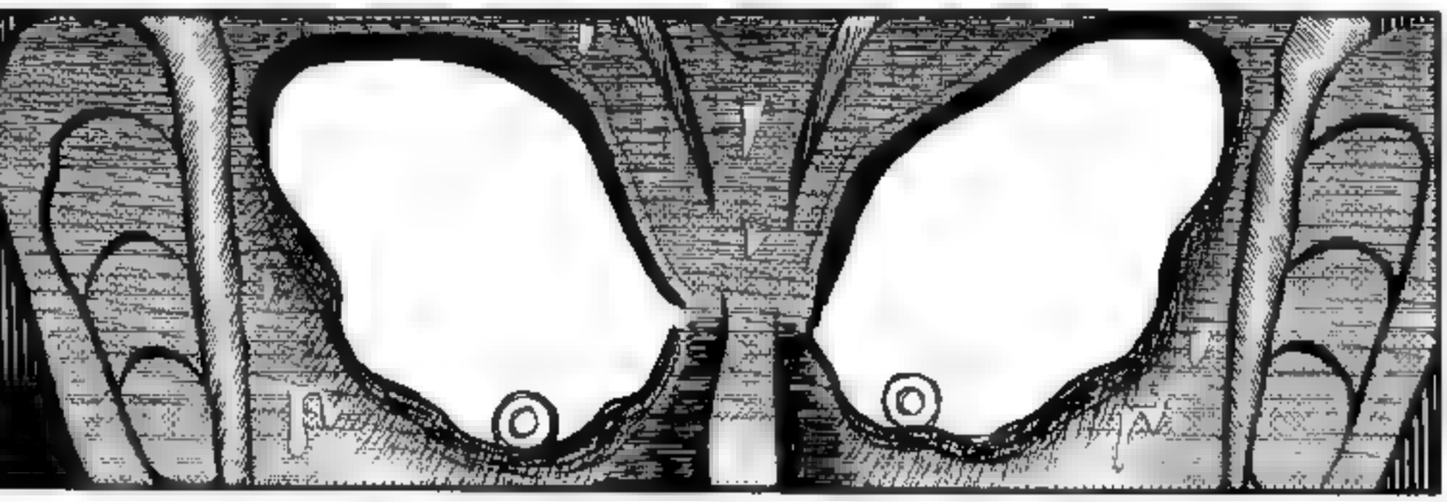
TAKE AWAY THAT DEMON'S DEALER TURN IN ONE FELL SWOOP!
I COULD END IT JUST LIKE THAT!
IT WOULD BE RIICHI, IPPATSU...

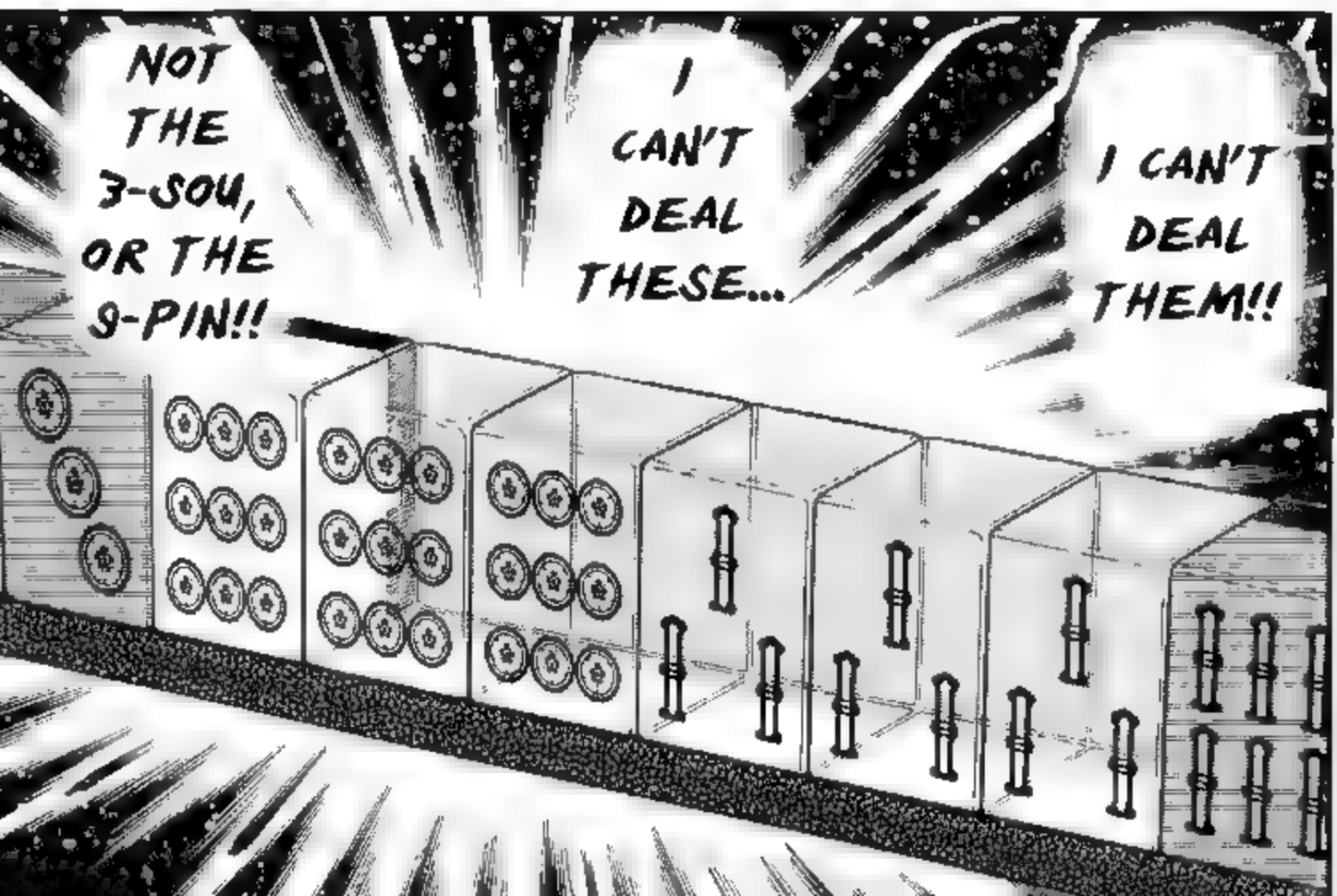
MY LONG-STANDING GOAL, TO TAKE HIS DEALERSHIP!
THAT IS MY HEART'S DESIRE... MY EARNEST WISH ...
HOWEVER...
I CAN SEIZE IT!
I CAN STEAL IT!

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THIS 3-SOU OR 9-PIN...
IT'S VERY POSSIBLE!
HE MIGHT BE WAIT-ING FOR IT!
COULD BE AKAGI'S WINNING TILE!

IF IT'S THE 9-PIN, IT WOULD BE THIS SHAPE! A 6-7-8-9 PIN WAIT!
FOR THE 3-SOU, THIS! A 2-3 SOU WAIT!
AND THE DETECTIVE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEAL INTO BOTH OF THOSE HANDS!
HE HAS OPA-QUE TILES!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I CAN'T BE SURE ABOUT IT!
AND WHILE I CAN'T SEE ANY TILES IN THE 3-SOU WAIT IN HIS HAND...
FOR THE WAIT WITH 9-PIN, HE HAS 7- AND 8-PIN!
Yasuoka's Hand

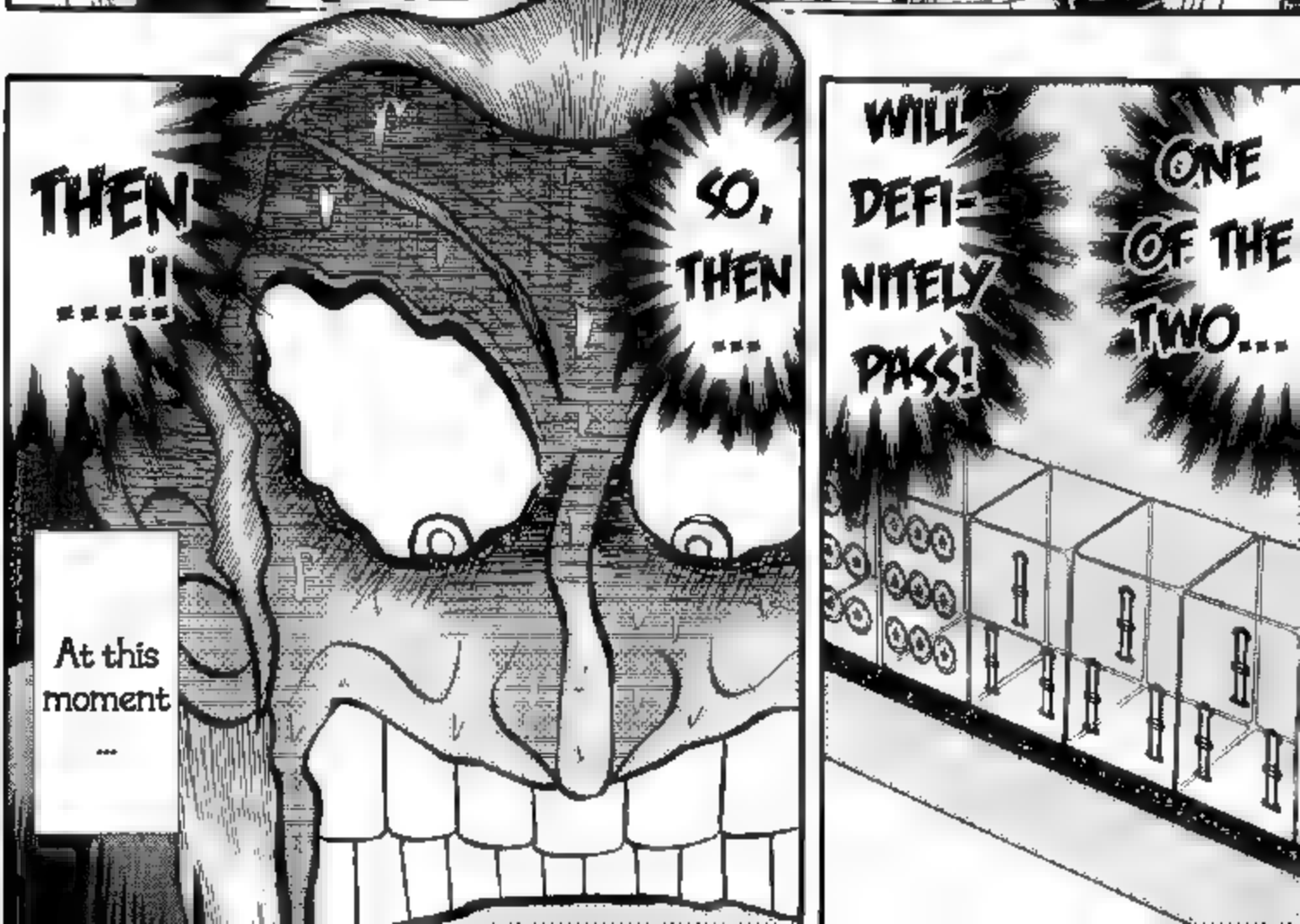
IN THE END...
IT'S MUCH MORE SUSPICIOUS THAN THE 7- AND 8-PIN THAT I CAN SEE!
SO IN A WAY...
THAT OPAQUE TILE NEXT TO THE 7-SOU VERY WELL MIGHT BE THE 3-SOU!

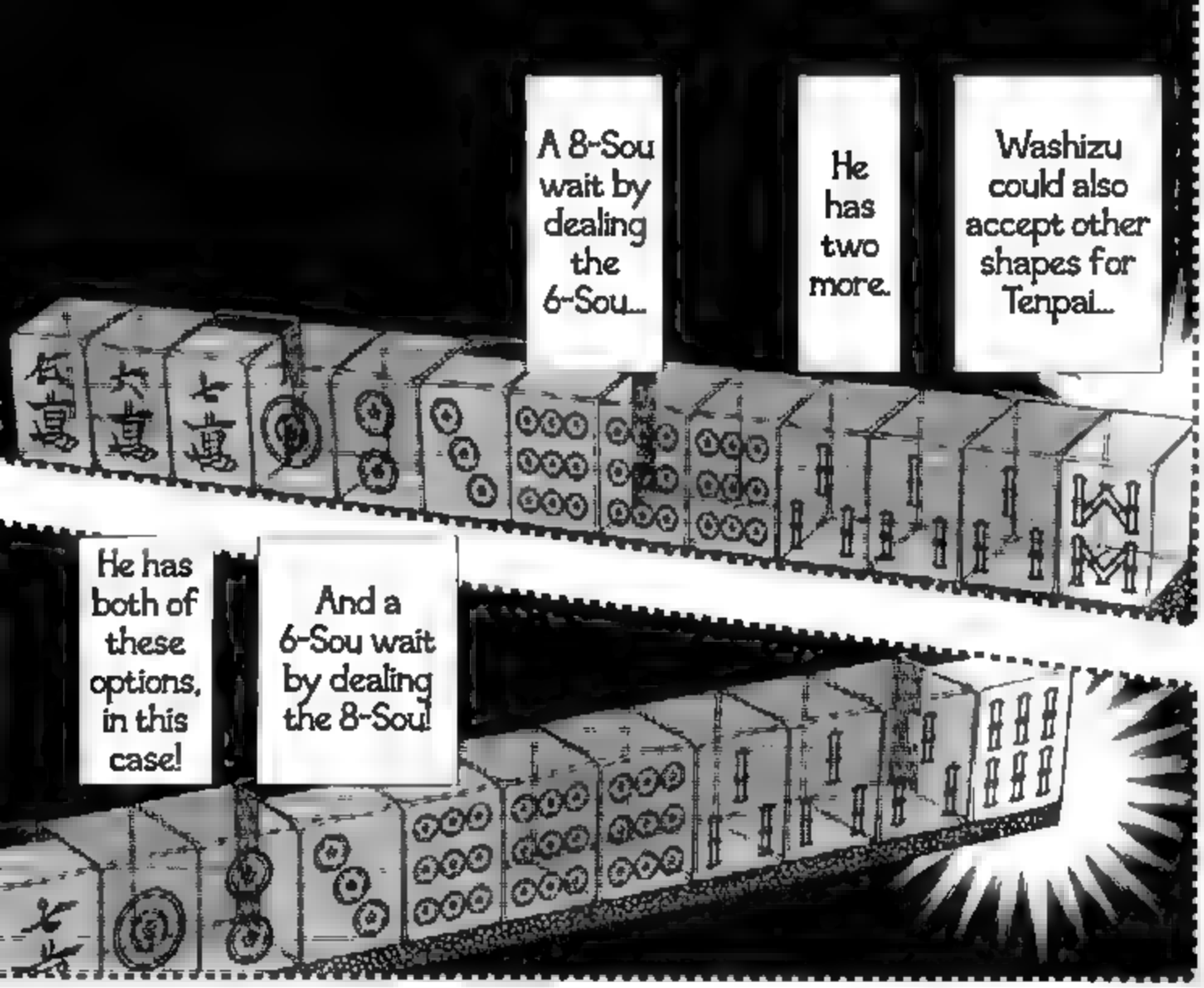



NOT THE 3-SOU, OR THE 9-PIN!!
I CAN'T DEAL THESE...
I CAN'T DEAL THEM!!

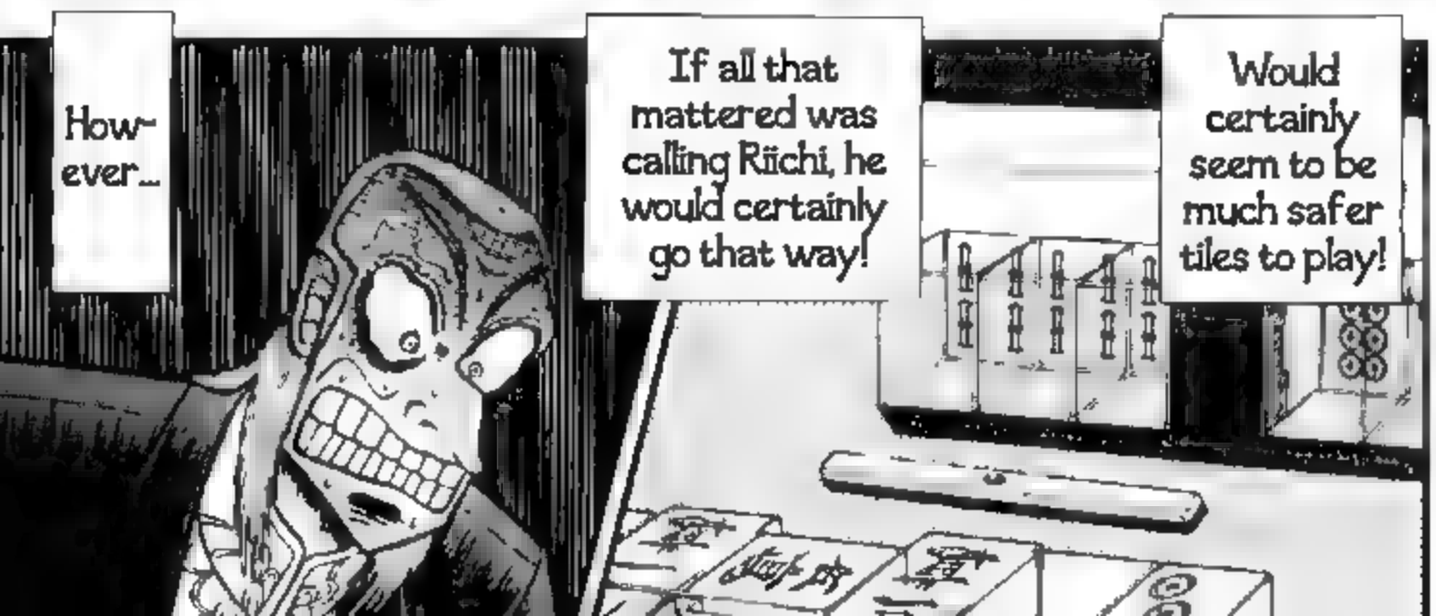
NO
...
.....

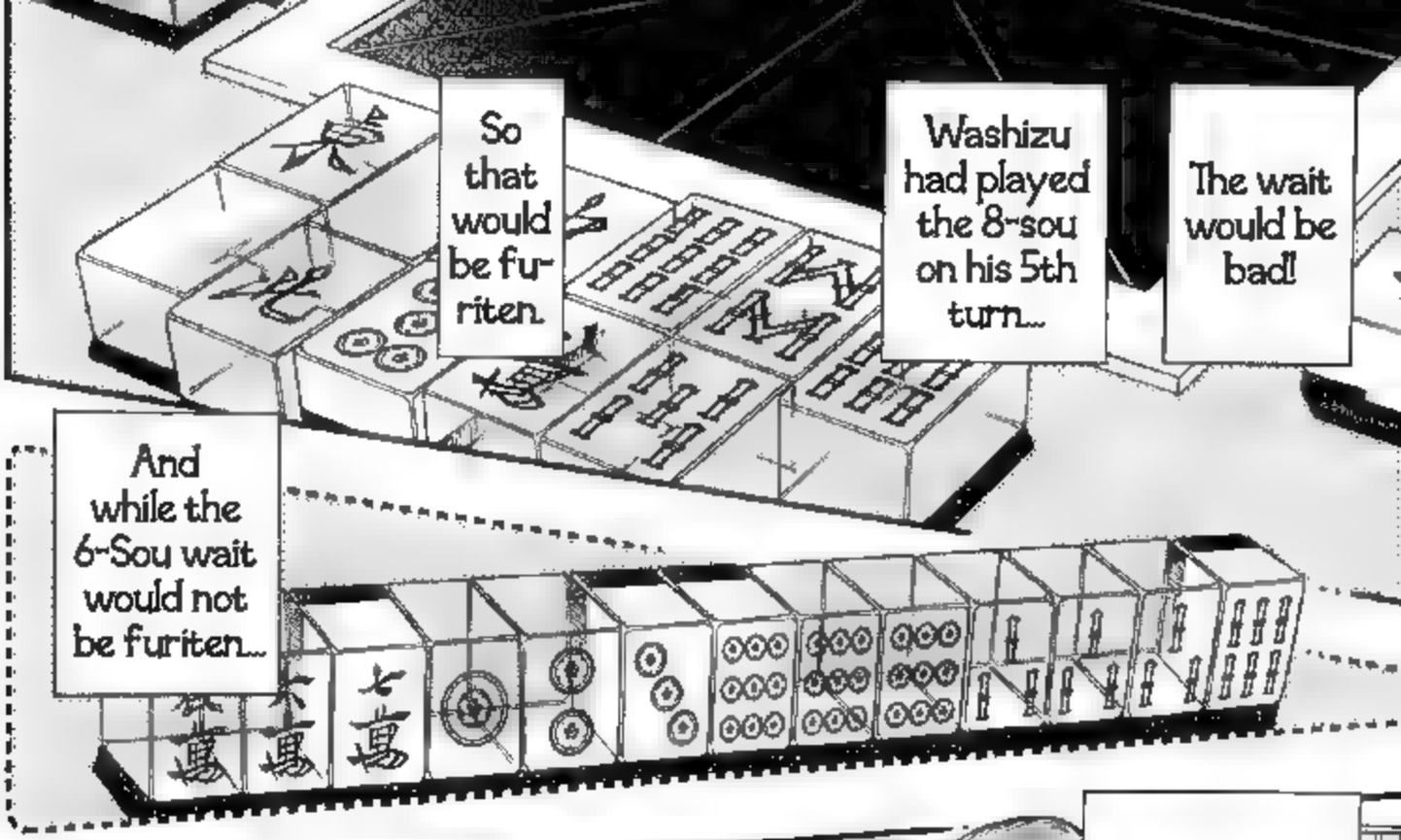
HE CAN'T BE WAITING FOR BOTH!
EVEN IF HE IS WAITING ON 3-SOU OR 9-PIN... EVEN THEN...


THEN!! .....
SO, THEN ...
At this moment ...
WILL DEFI-NITELY PASS!
ONE OF THE TWO...

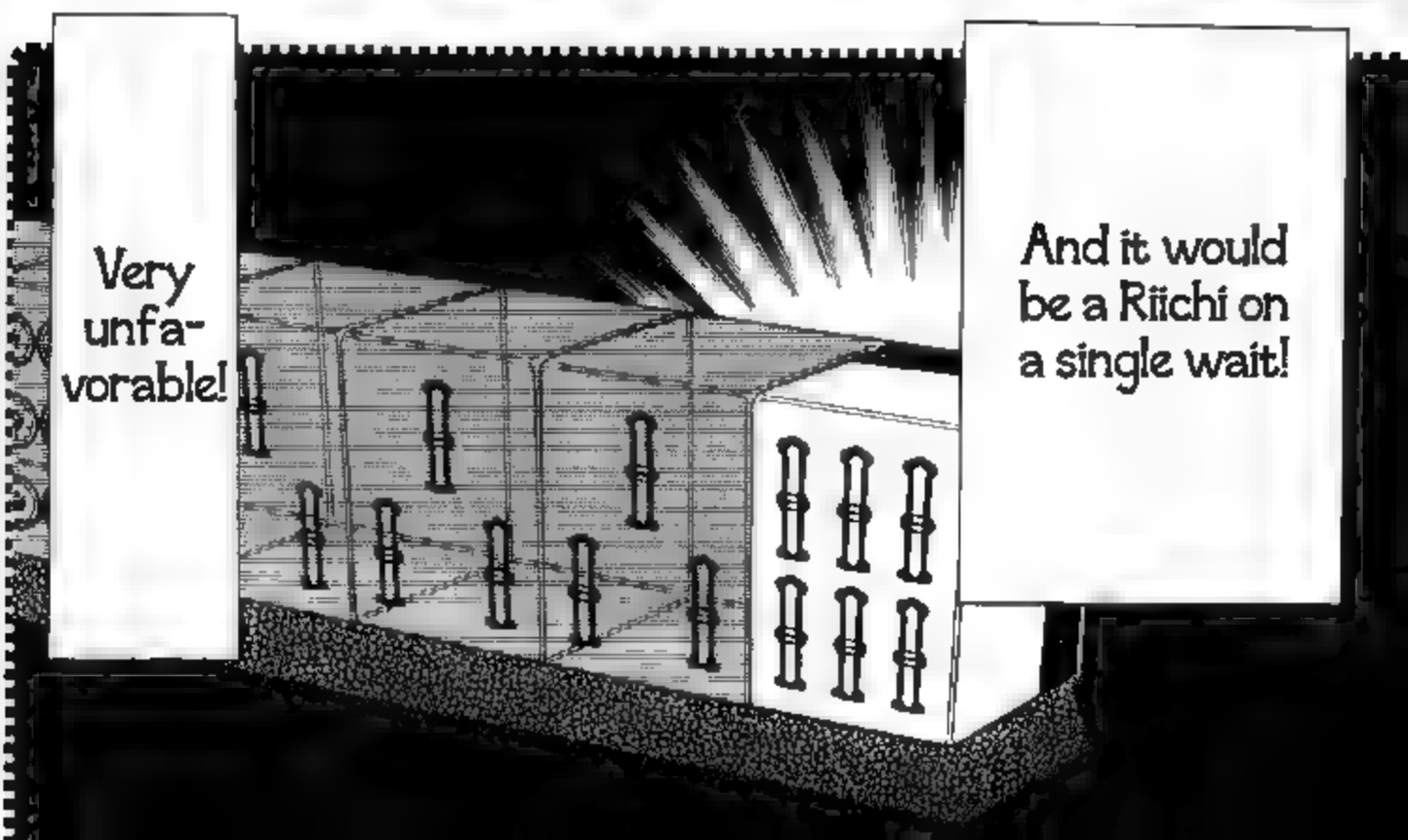

A 8-Sou wait by dealing the 6-Sou...
He has two more.
Washizu could also accept other shapes for Tenpai...
He has both of these options, in this case!
And a 6-Sou wait by dealing the 8-Sou!

By playing the 3-Sou or 9-Pin...
As opposed to the 7-Sou wait he would get...
The 6- or 8-Sou he could play...

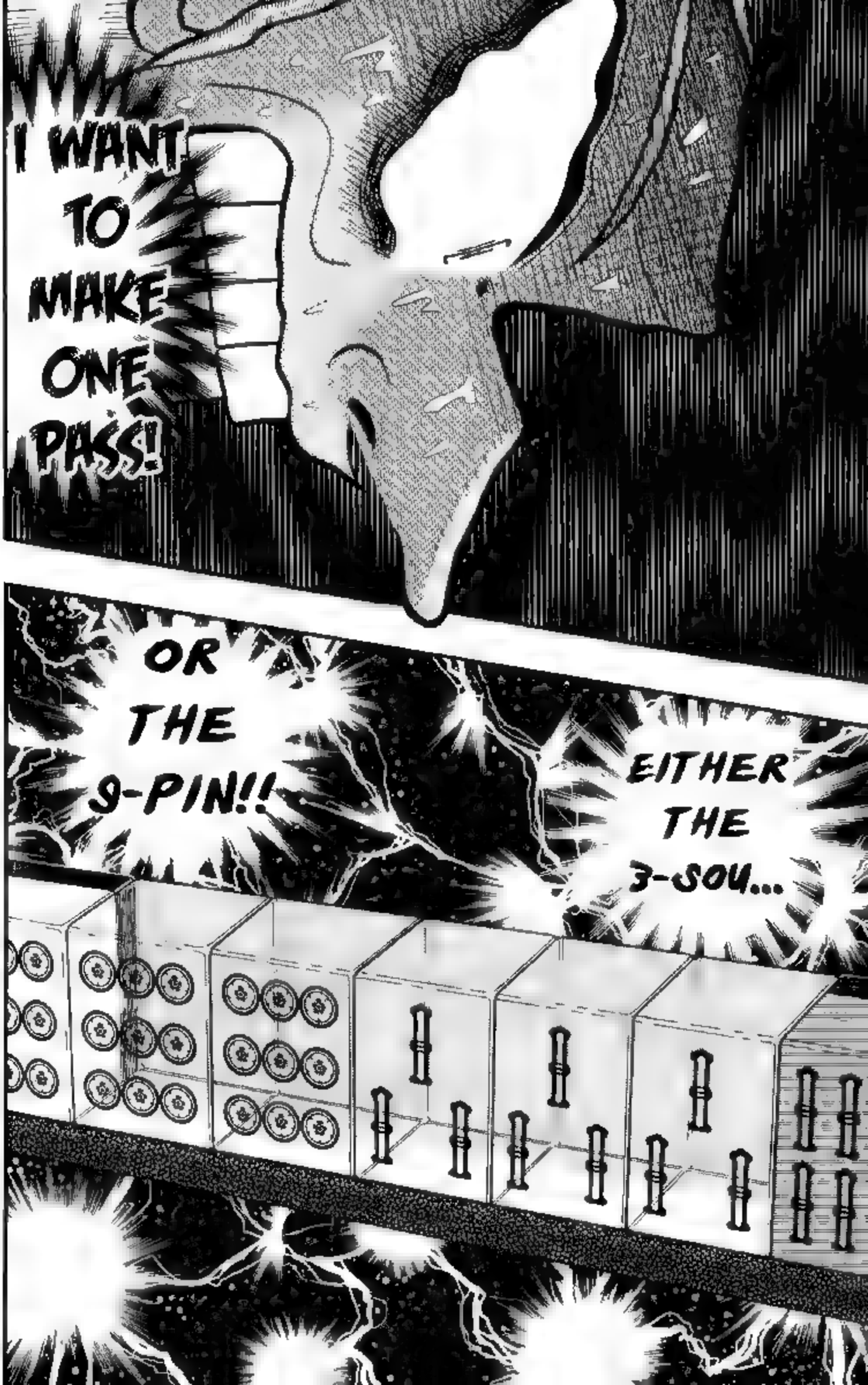

How-ever...
If all that mattered was calling Riichi, he would certainly go that way!
Would certainly seem to be much safer tiles to play!


So that would be furiten.
Washizu had played the 8-sou on his 5th turn...
The wait would be bad!
And while the 6-Sou wait would not be furiten...

Which means, there is no insurance that he can deal in...
Suzuki does not have a 6-Sou in his hand!


Very unfavorable!
And it would be a Riichi on a single wait!

Which is why...
GRRRRGHHH!
He wants to deal one!


I WANT TO MAKE ONE PASS!
OR THE 9-PIN!!
EITHER THE 3-SOU...

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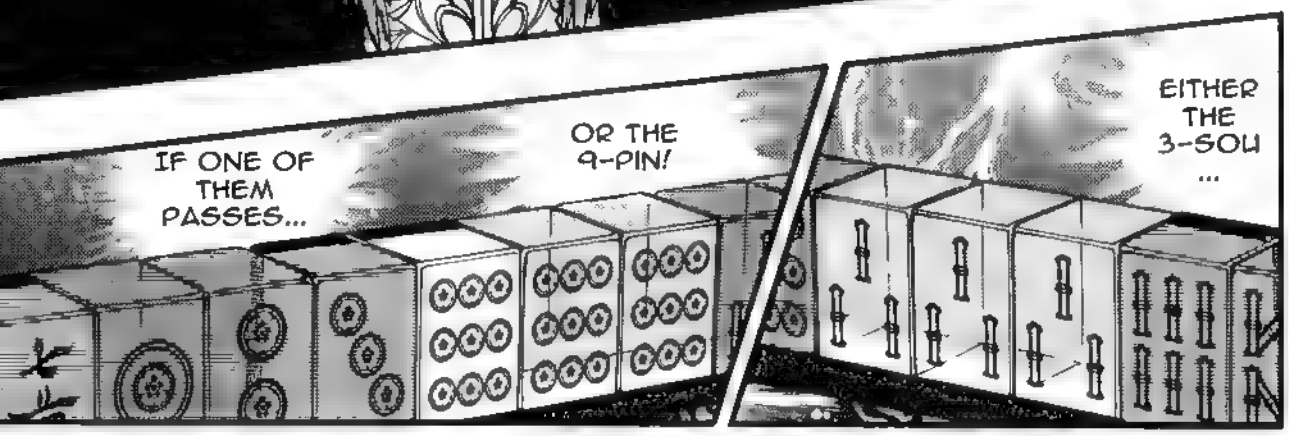
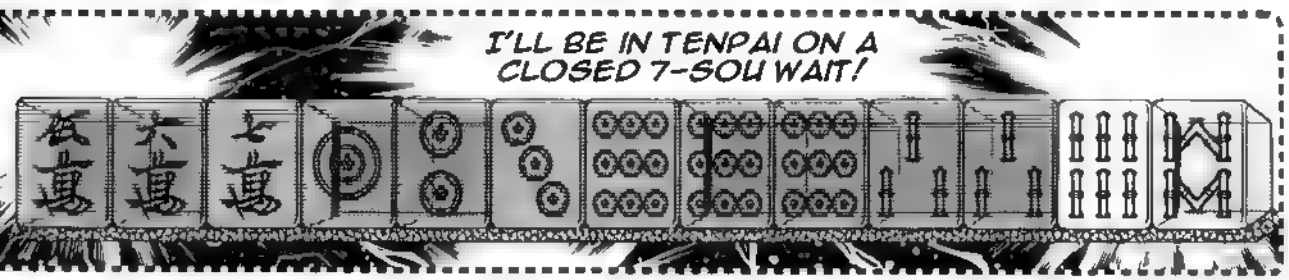
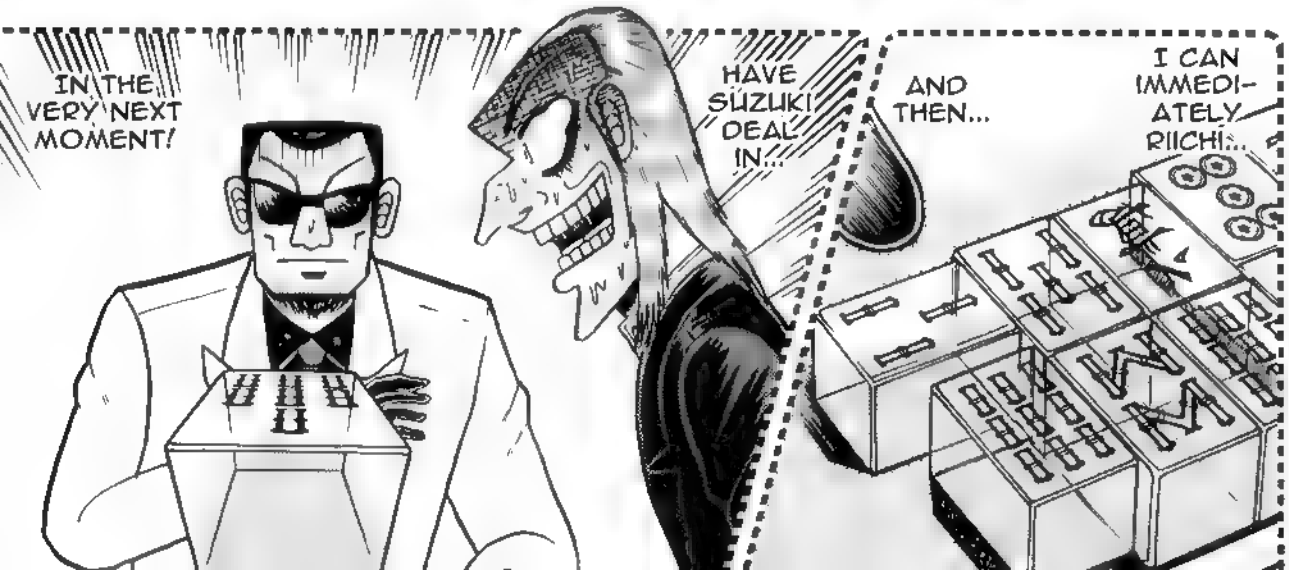




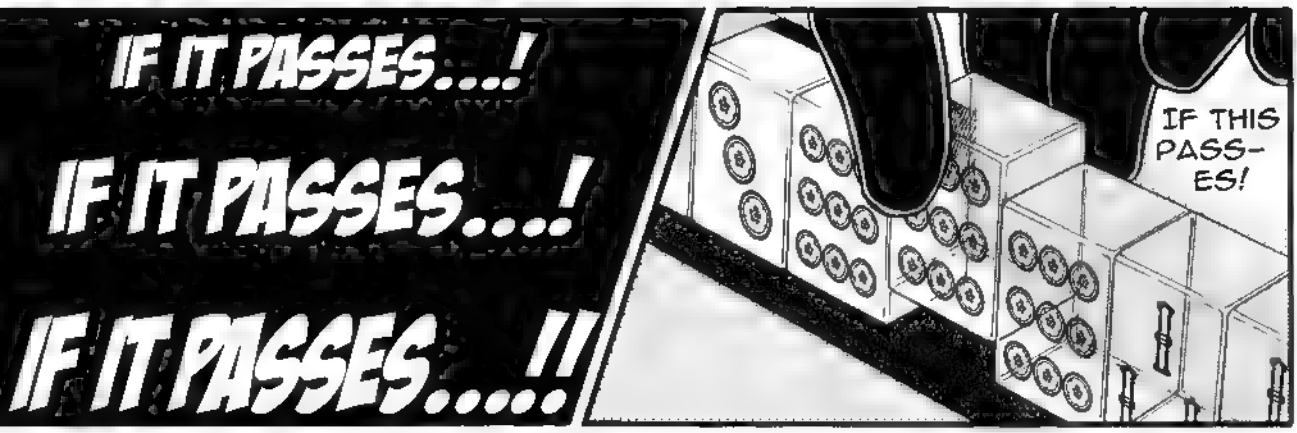


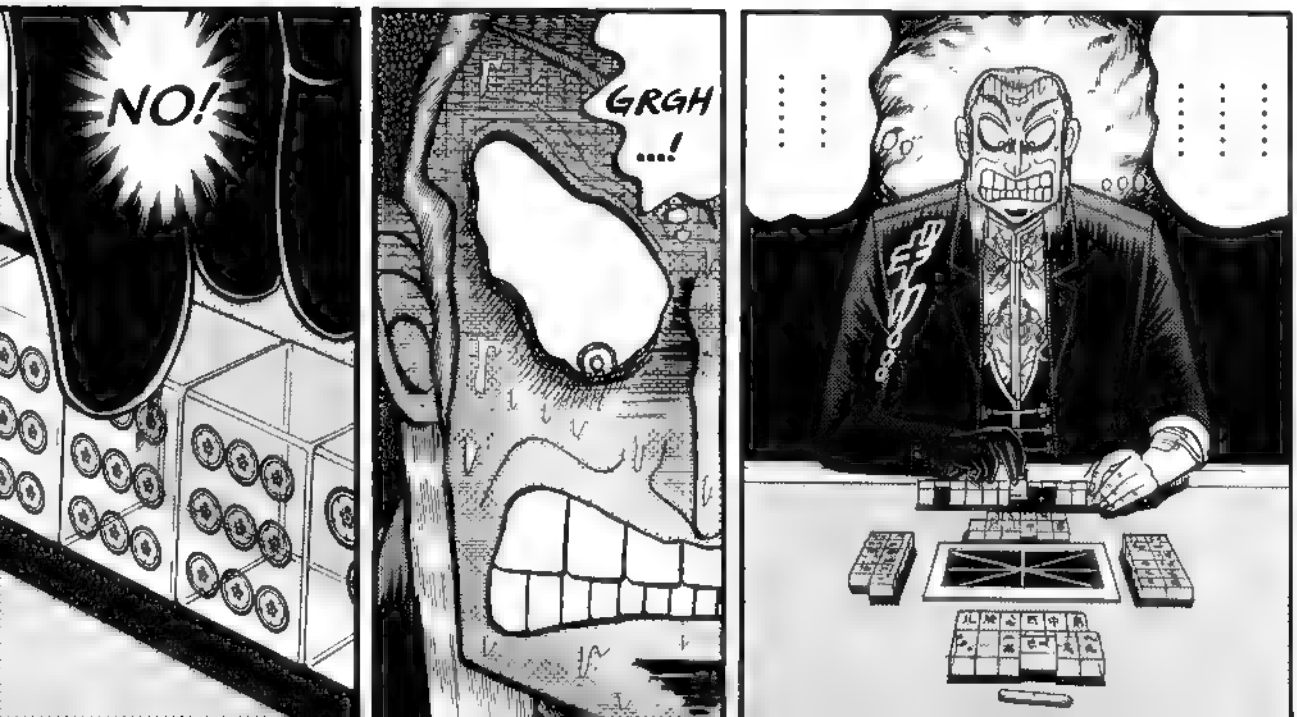
I CAN PUT A STOP TO IT!

WE'RE GOING TO END!
HIS CONTINUOUS HONBA...
I HAD NO IDEA WHEN AKAGI'S INFINITE HELL...

END HIS STREAK OF HONBA!
BUT I CAN-STOP THEM HERE...

ERADI-
CATE
AKAGI'S
DEALER-
SHIP...!
I CAN
SNATCH
IT
AWAY!


IF IT PASSES...!
IF IT PASSES...!
IF IT PASSES...!!
IF THIS
PASS-
ES!


NO!
GRGH
...!
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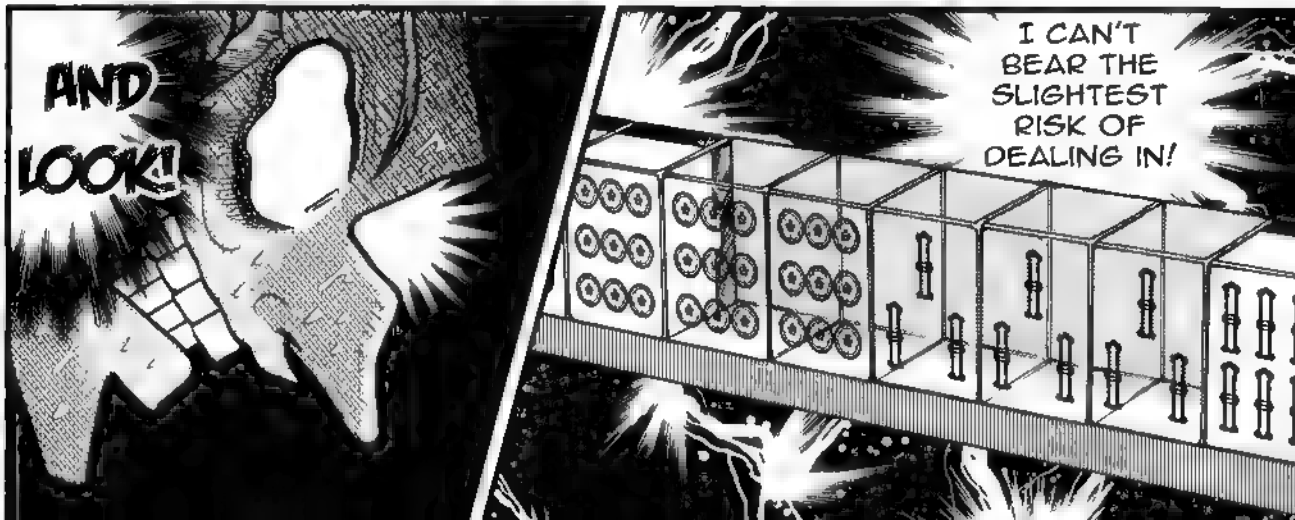
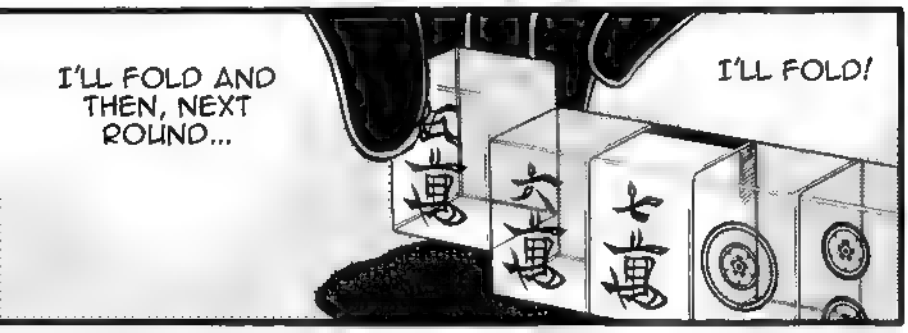
AND THINK THIS THRO-UGH!
PULL YOUR-SELF TO-GETHER FOR A MOMENT...
NO, WAIT!
RIGHT NOW...


AND LOOK!
I CAN'T BEAR THE SLIGHTEST RISK OF DEALING IN!

IT WOULD BE VERY EASY FOR ME TO FOLD, HERE!
Akagi's Discards
I HAVE PLENTY OF SAFE TILES TO PLAY!

THESE THREE TILES ARE GUARANTEED TO PASS!
THE 3-PIN, 5-MAN, AND 7-MAN...


I'LL FOLD AND THEN, NEXT ROUND...
I'LL FOLD!

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SO NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO OVEREXTEND MYSELF!
I WASN'T ABLE TO VEER AHEAD OF HIM...

AH...!
NO...
HOLD ON!!

Akagi's Hand

IF HE'S ABLE TO TSUMO ...

HE HAPPENS TO DRAW IT...

IF, PERHAPS ...

THAT WILL SPELL THE END!

A DEALER YAKUMAN... 16,000 FROM EVERYONE!!

THERE'S THAT, TOO!!

THAT'S RIGHT!

IN OTHER WORDS ...

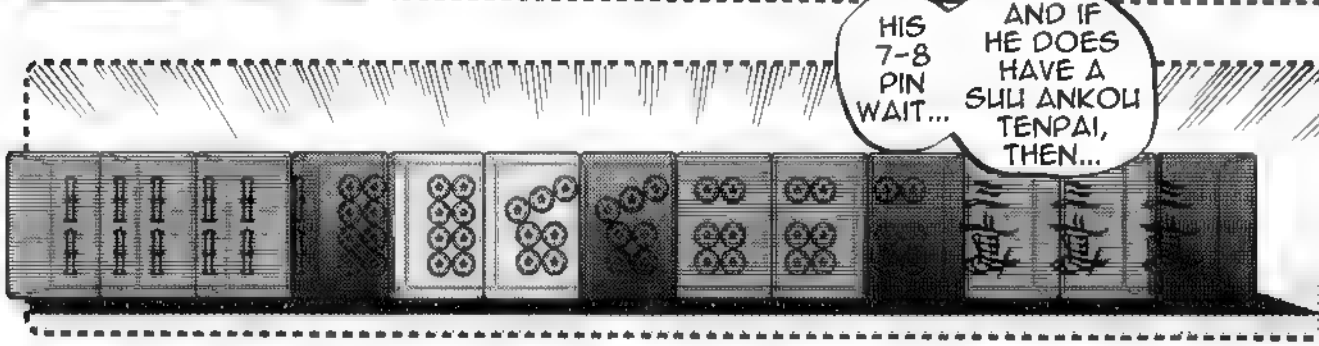
SUU ANKOU!

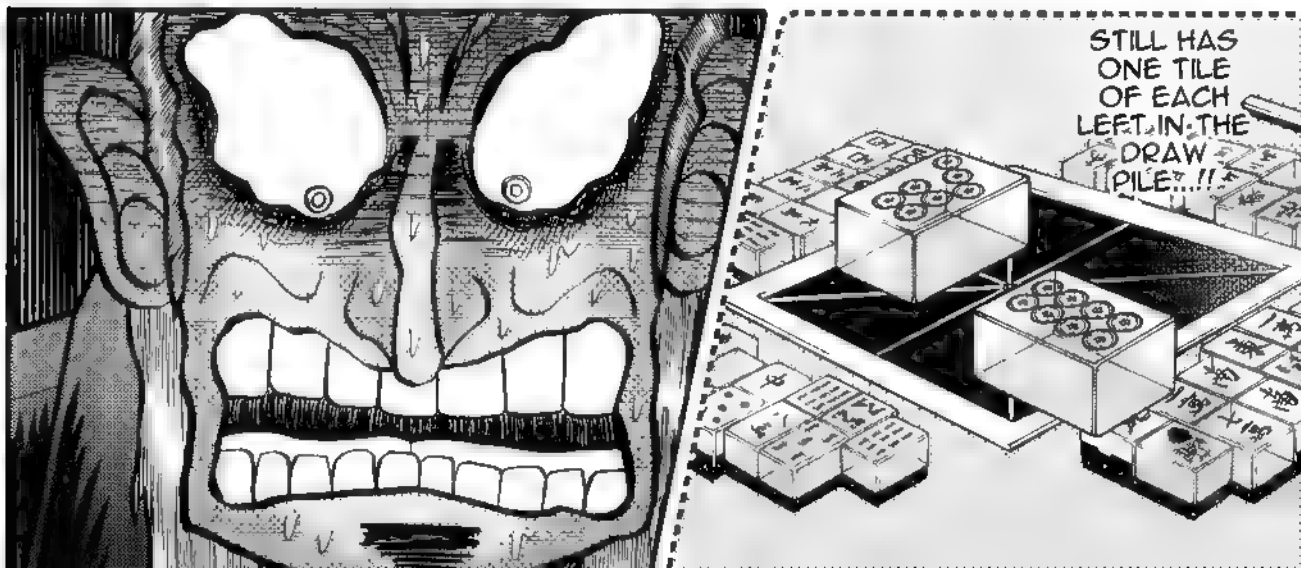
TENPAI FOR SUU ANKOU!!

HIS HAND COULD POTENTIALLY BE IN THIS SHAPE...

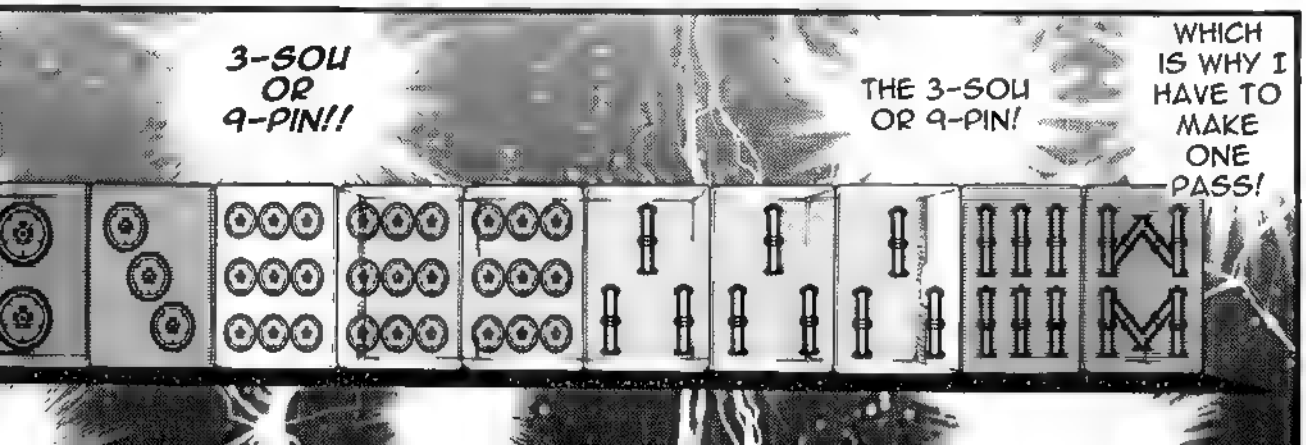
SO FROM THERE...
I'VE HAD 810 CCS EXTRACTED TO NOW...
I'D DIE...!

DEATH...!
DEATH...!
DEATH...!
WOULD MEAN DEATH!!
ADDING ON AN ADDITIONAL 1600 CCS TO THAT...

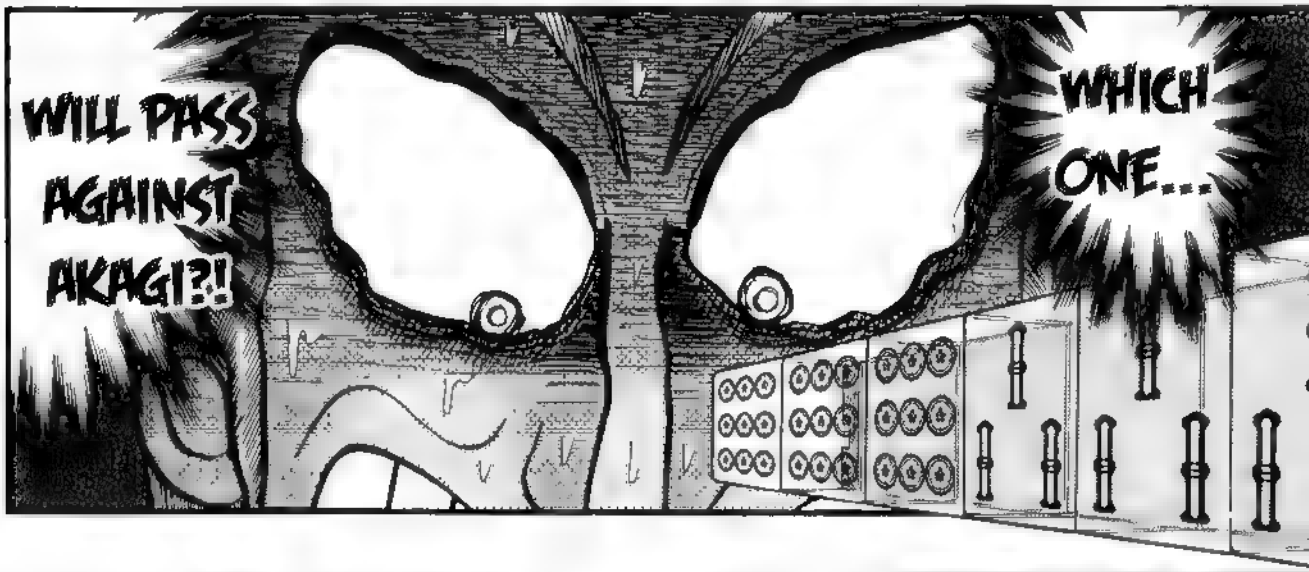

HIS 7-8 PIN WAIT...
AND IF HE DOES HAVE A SUU ANKOU TENPAI, THEN...

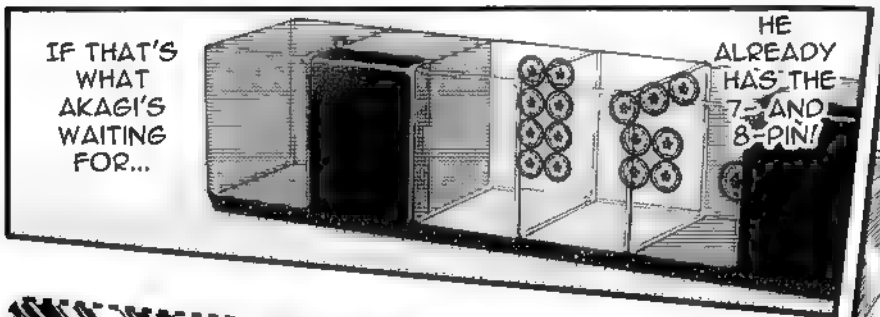

STILL HAS ONE TILE OF EACH LEFT IN THE DRAW PILE...!!

HE WILL DEFI-NITELY DRAW IT, IN THAT CASE!
I CAN'T DO THAT!!
AHH! THAT'S NO GOOD!!
IF I SIT AROUND, I'LL DIE!
IF I DEFEND I'LL DIE!
IF I RUN AWAY, I'LL DIE!
I HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD!

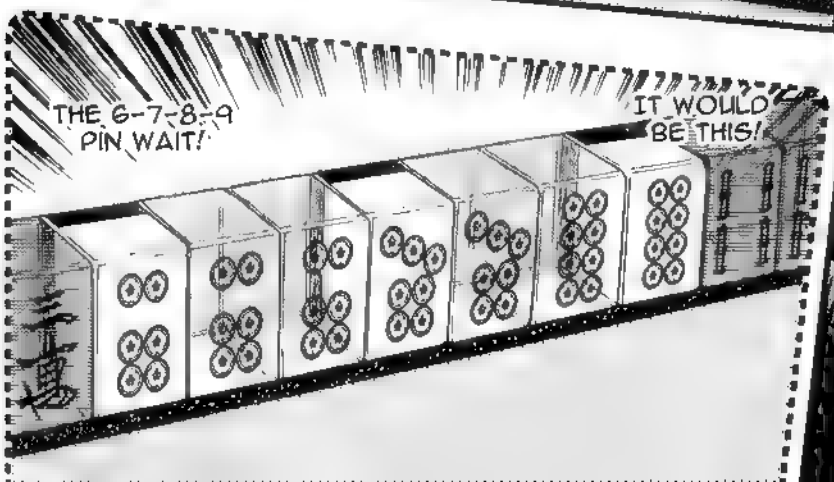

3-SOU OR 9-PIN!!
THE 3-SOU OR 9-PIN!
WHICH IS WHY I HAVE TO MAKE ONE PASS!

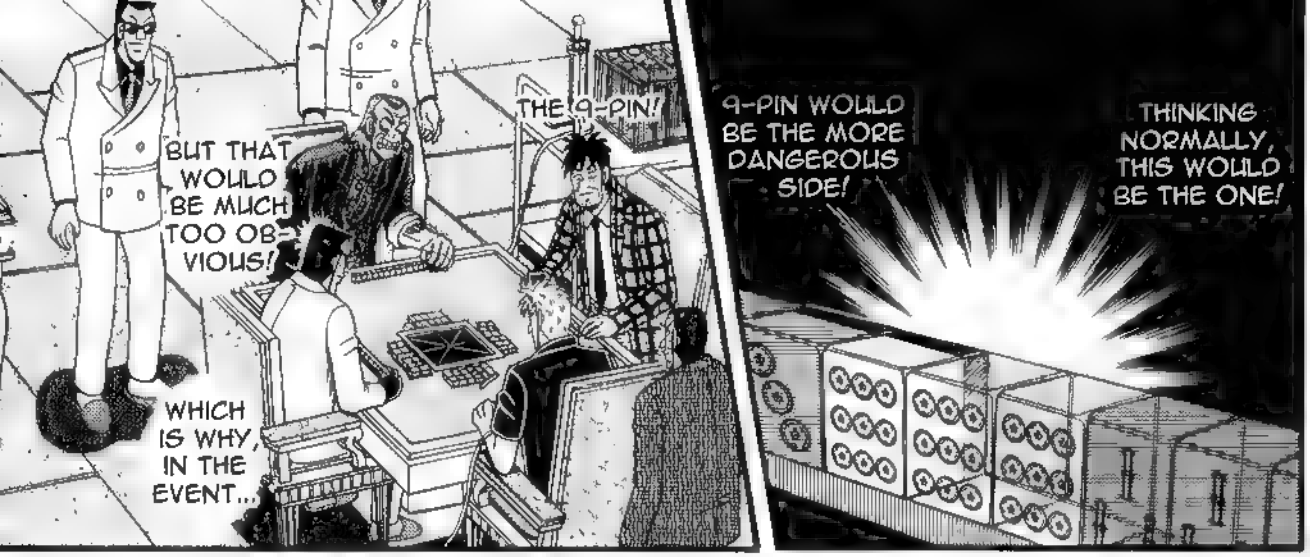
WHICH ONE??
WHICH ONE...?

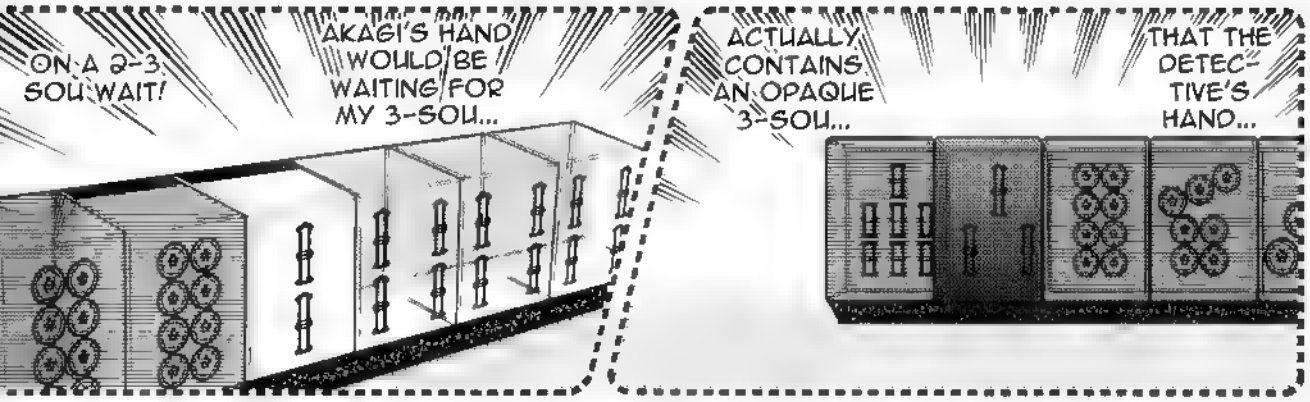

WILL PASS AGAINST AKAGI?!
WHICH ONE...

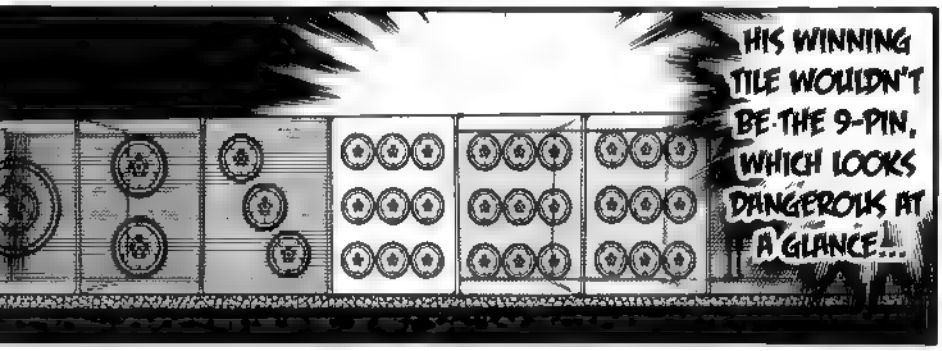

IF THAT'S WHAT AKAGI'S WAITING FOR...
HE ALREADY HAS THE 7- AND 8-PIN!

THINKING IN TERMS OF THE DETECTIVE DEALING IN...


THE 6-7-8-9 PIN WAIT!
IT WOULD BE THIS!


BUT THAT WOULD BE MUCH TOO OBVIOUS!
THE 9-PIN!
WHICH IS WHY, IN THE EVENT...
9-PIN WOULD BE THE MORE DANGEROUS SIDE!
THINKING NORMALLY, THIS WOULD BE THE ONE!

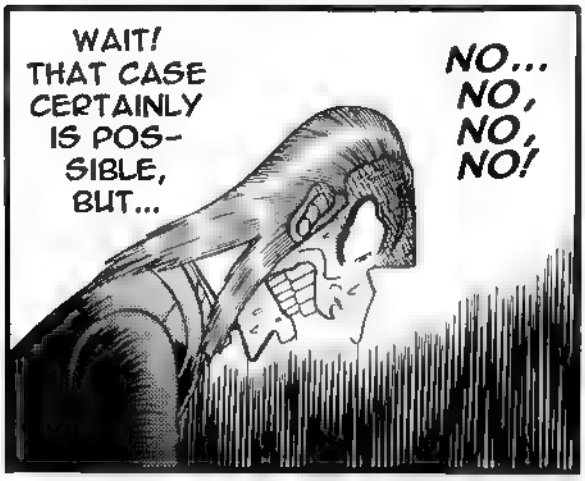

ON A 2-3 SOU WAIT!
AKAGI'S HAND WOULD BE WAITING FOR MY 3-SOU...
ACTUALLY CONTAINS AN OPAQUE 3-SOU...
THAT THE DETECTIVE'S HAND...

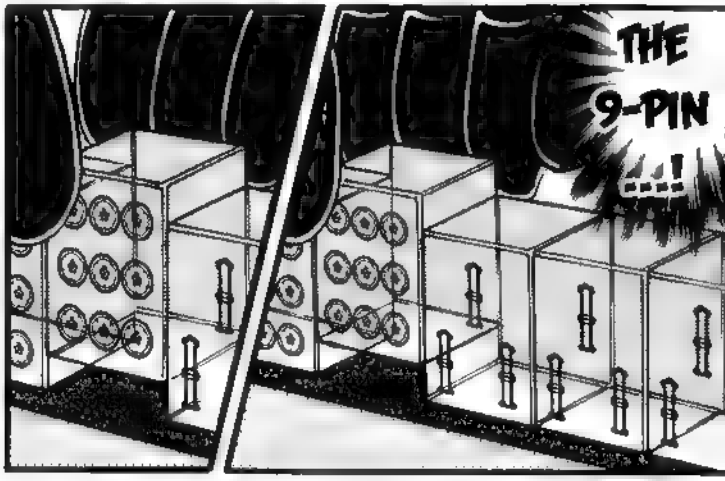

HIS WINNING TILE WOULDN'T BE THE 9-PIN, WHICH LOOKS DANGEROUS AT A GLANCE...

THE 3-SOU!!
IT WOULD ACTUALLY BE THE 3-SOU!

IS THAT IT?

WHICH MEANS, 9-PIN WOULD PASS!
A 3-SOU WAIT!

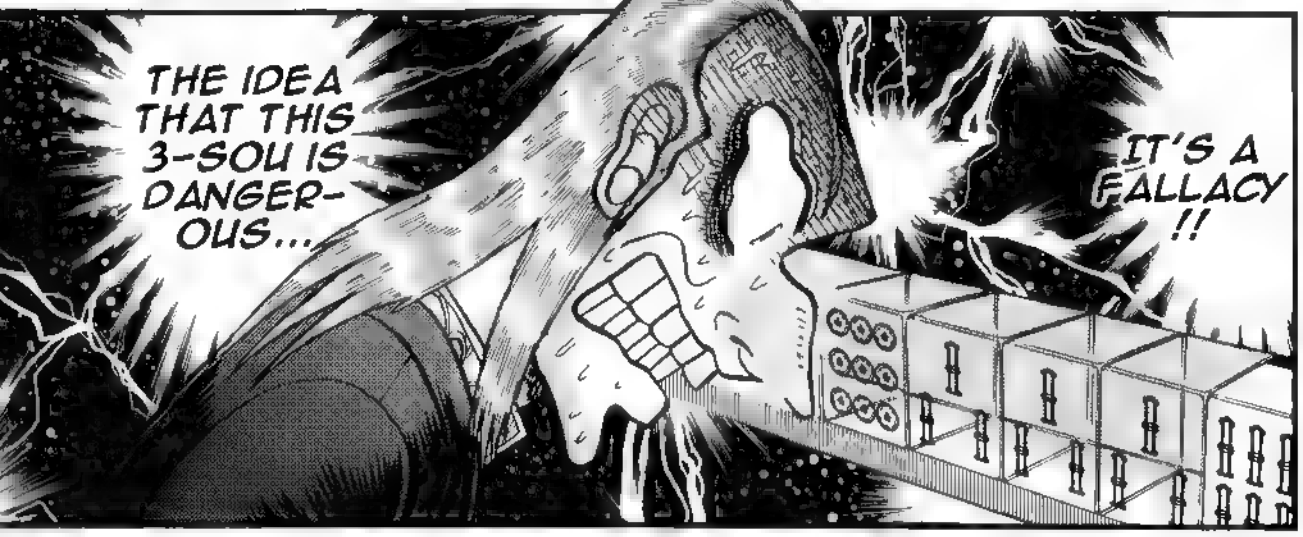

WAIT! THAT CASE CERTAINLY IS POS-SIBLE, BUT...
NO... NO, NO, NO!

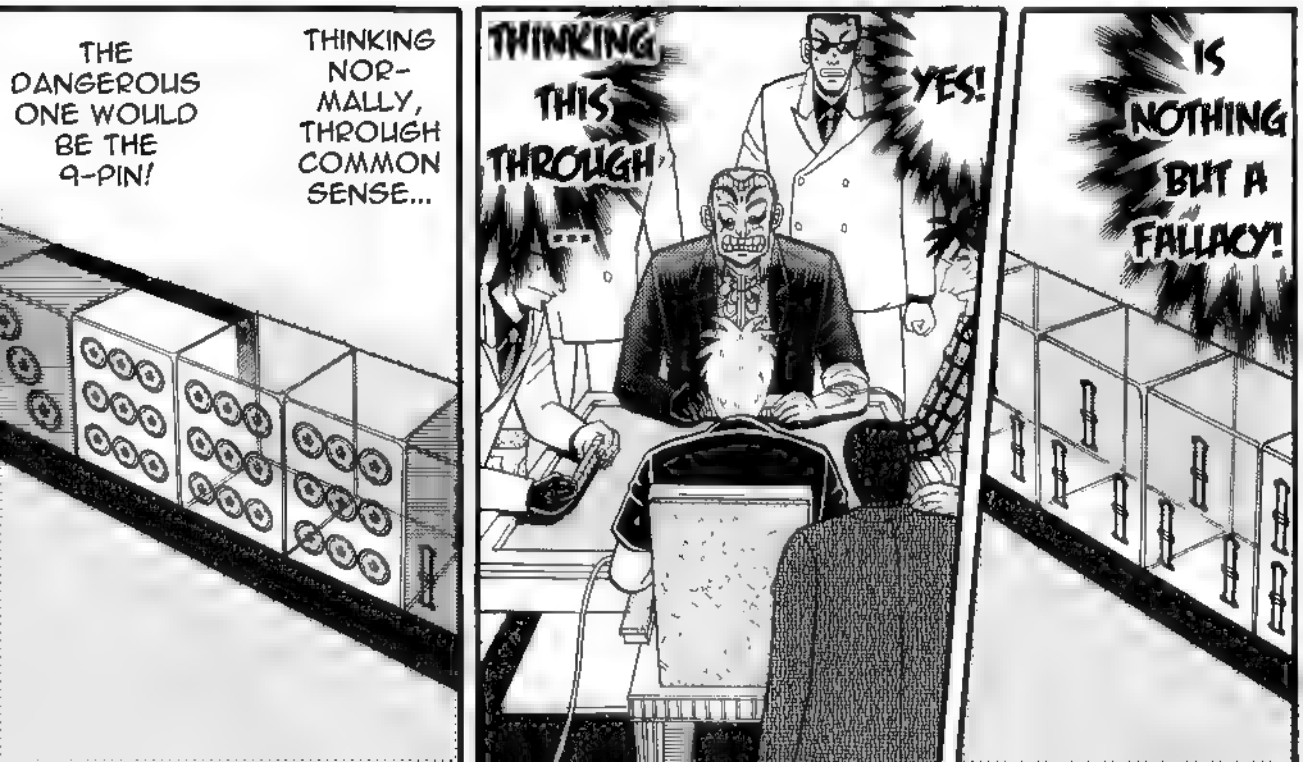

THE 9-PIN...!

HE COULDN'T GET THAT!
IT'S NOT JUST ANY 3-SOU... IT'S THE-OPAQUE 3-SOU!
SO REALLY...

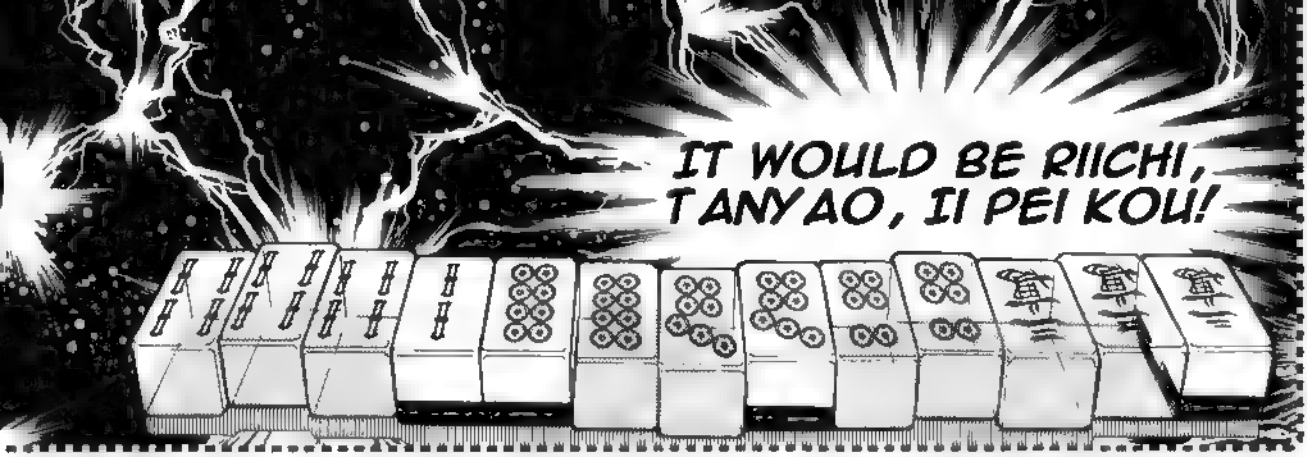
TO DRAW THE OPAQUE 3-SOU INTO HIS HAND...?
CAN THAT DETECTIVE REALLY BE AS LUCKY...

IN REALITY, IT RARELY EVER WORKS OUT THAT WELL!
AND WAITING FOR IT IS IDEAL, BUT...
HAVING THAT HIDDEN 3-SOU TILE TO DEAL IN WITH...


THE IDEA THAT THIS 3-SOU IS DANGER-OUS...
IT'S A FALLACY !!


THE DANGEROUS ONE WOULD BE THE 9-PIN!
THINKING NOR-MALLY, THROUGH COMMON SENSE...
THINKING THIS THROUGH...
YES!
IS NOTHING BUT A FALLACY!

WOULD PASS!
THE 3-SOU...
THE 3-SOU!!
IF THIS 3-SOU DOES INDEED COMPLETE HIS HAND...
WAIT JUST A MOM-ENT!
EVEN SO, WAIT!
NO...!
GGH ...!

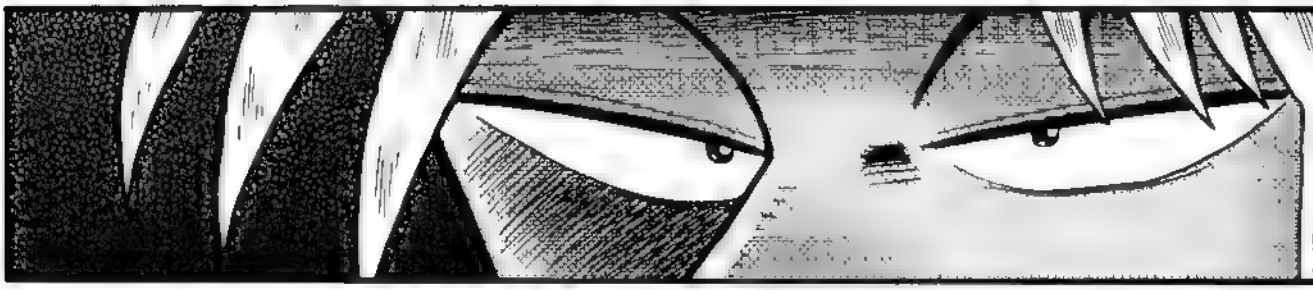

IT WOULD BE RIICHI, TANYAO, II PEI KOU!

FOR 8600!
7700 WITH 3 HONBA BONUSES...
.....
.....

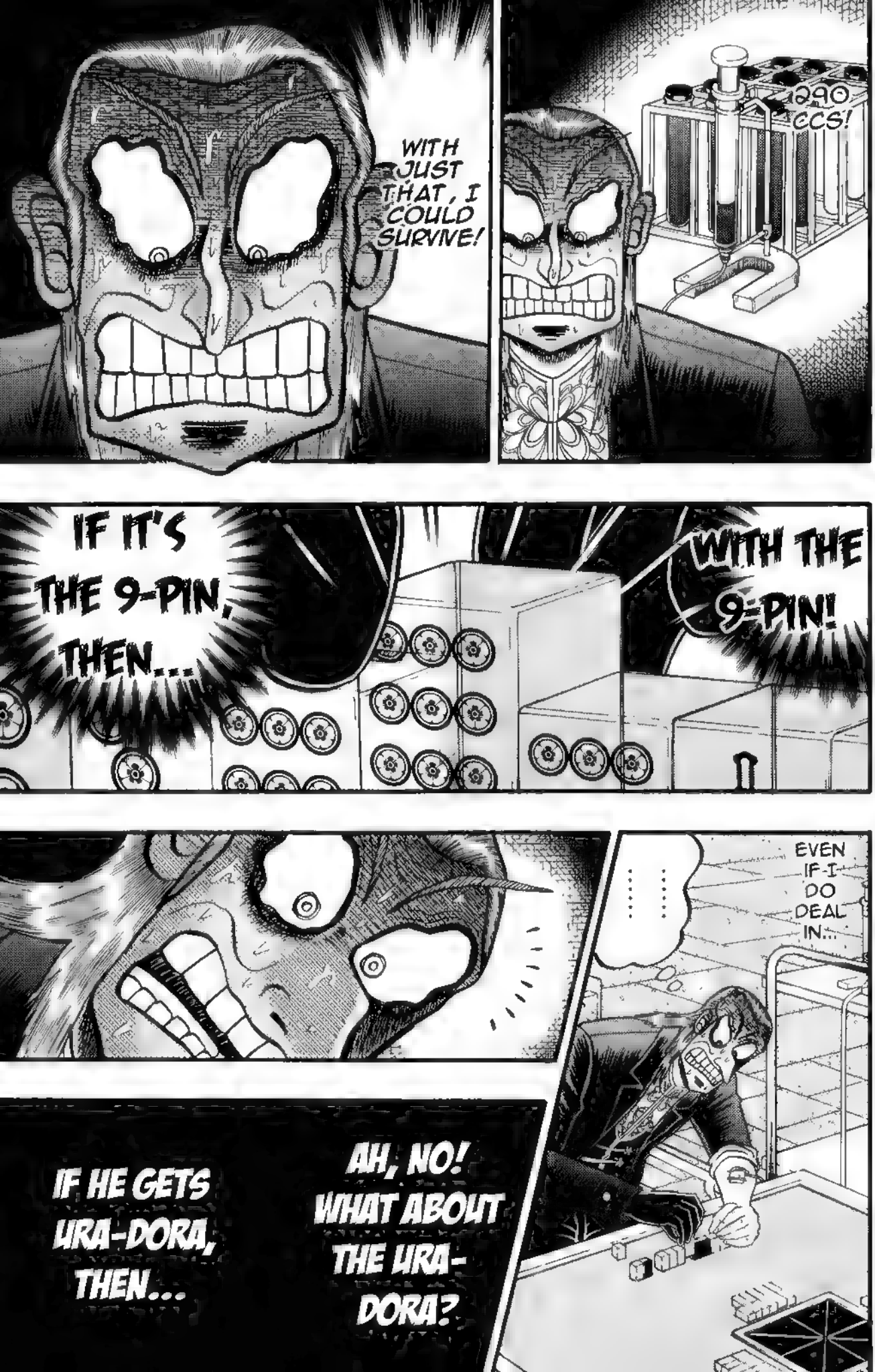
THE TOTAL WOULD BE 1670 CCS... A LETHAL AMOUNT!
I'VE HAD 810 CCS EXTRACTED SO FAR, SO...
WHICH MEANS 860 CCS!

IF I DEAL IN, I'LL DIE!
A LETHAL LOSS!!
EVEN LOSING 1700 COULD BE FATAL!
CONSIDERING HOW OLD I AM...

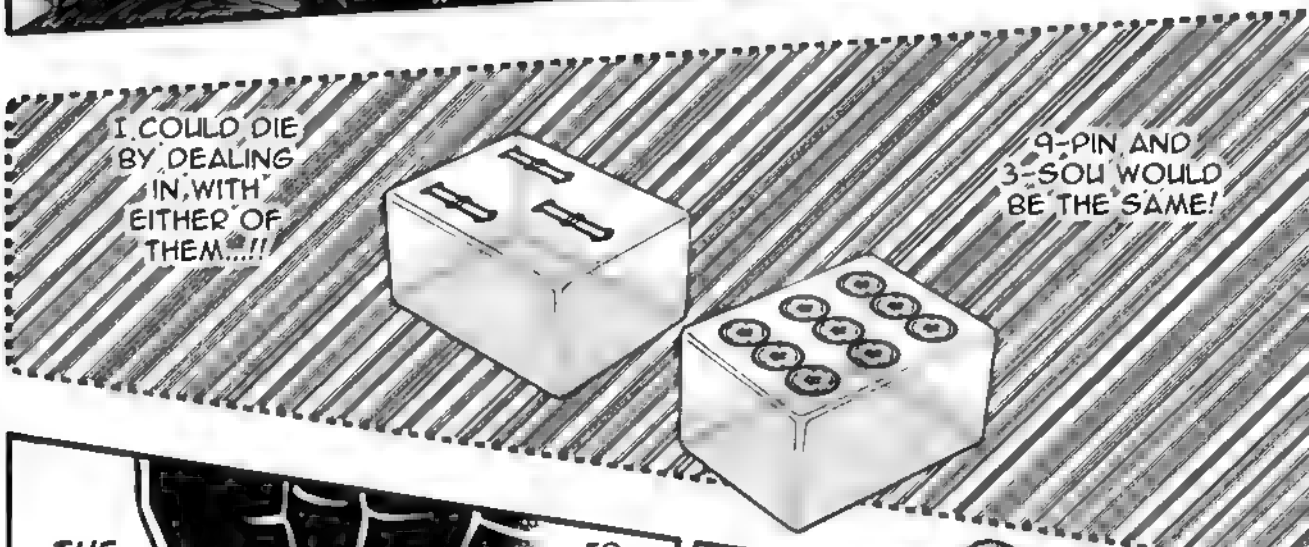
DIE!!!
DIE!!
DIE!



IF I END UP DEALING IN WITH THE 9-PIN...
WHAT WOULD THE 9-PIN BE...?
IN THAT CASE, THE 9-PIN...?
GRRRRRGHHHH!!
RIICHI ONLY FOR 2000...
IT WOULD BE THIS SHAPE!
IN THE 3RD HONBA, THAT'S 2900!


WITH JUST THAT, I COULD SURVIVE!
290 CCS!
IF IT'S THE 9-PIN, THEN...
WITH THE 9-PIN!
EVEN IF I DO DEAL IN...
.....
IF HE GETS URA-DORA, THEN...
AH, NO! WHAT ABOUT THE URA-DORA?

12900...!!
IT'S THE SAME THING!!!
IT'S RIICHI, 3 DORA FOR MANGAN!


I COULD DIE BY DEALING IN WITH EITHER OF THEM...!!
9-PIN AND 3-SOU WOULD BE THE SAME!

THE 3-SOU!
TO WAIT ON IT, THEN...
SINCE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT...
IN WHICH CASE ...

THIS WOULD BE BETTER.....!!!
THE 3-JOU!!
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8600 ...!!!
BUT... 8600 ...!!
THIS ONE ...!!!
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GRAU-GH!!

9-Pin!
Wash izu...
Deals the 9-Pin ...!!
GRGH!
...!

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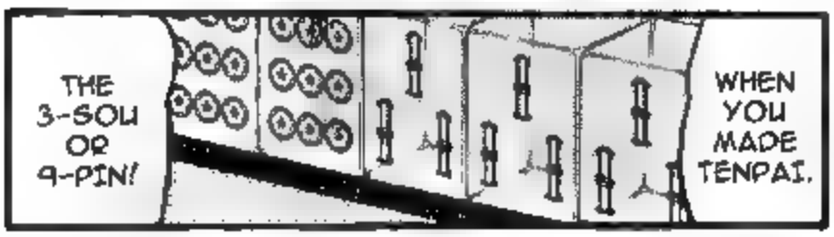
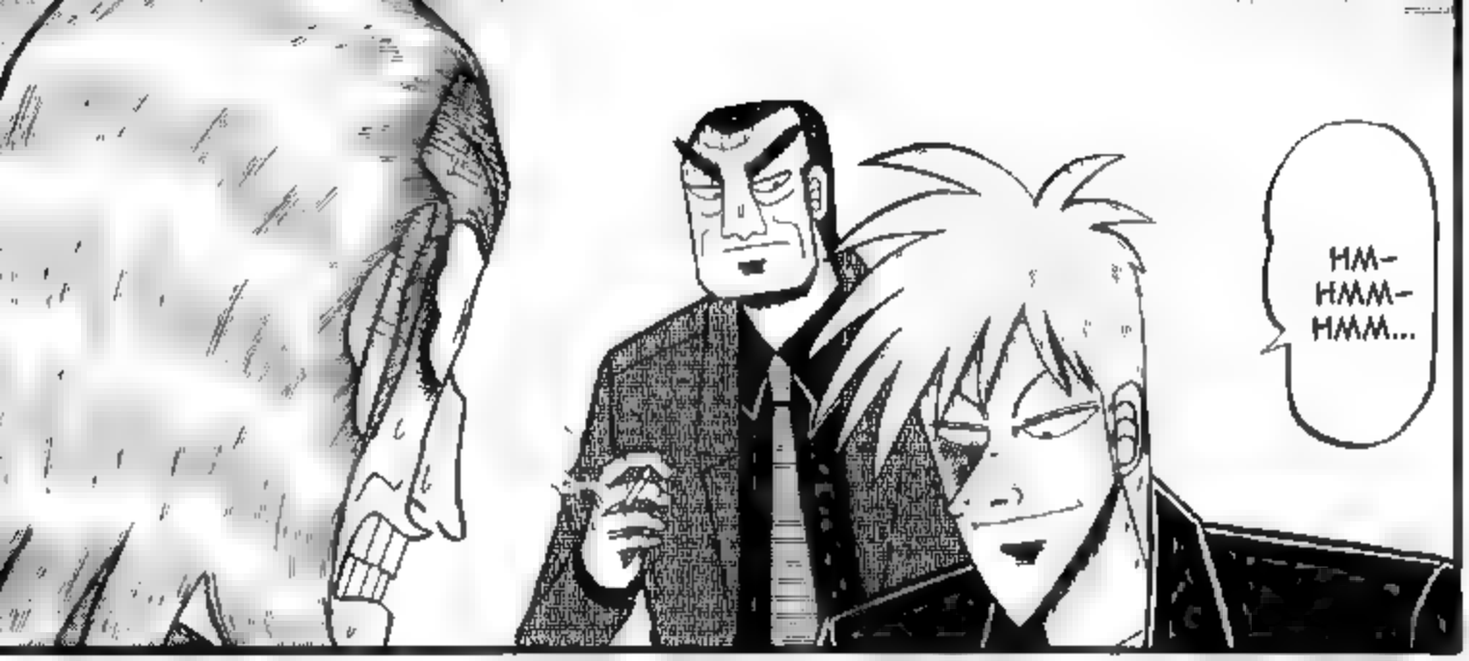
He deals 9-Pin!
After a great deal of thought and puzzling over the decision...
Washizu deals the 9-Pin!
At the end of it all, he plays his 9-Pin!
THAT'S RIGHT.

GRGH ...!
YOU'RE CORRECT IN YOUR DEDUC-TIONS.
WAS-HIZU...
THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.


THE 3-SOU OR 9-PIN!
WHEN YOU MADE TENPAI.

WAS ONE OF THE TILES THAT WOULD OVER-FLOW ...
WHAT I WAS AIMING FOR...

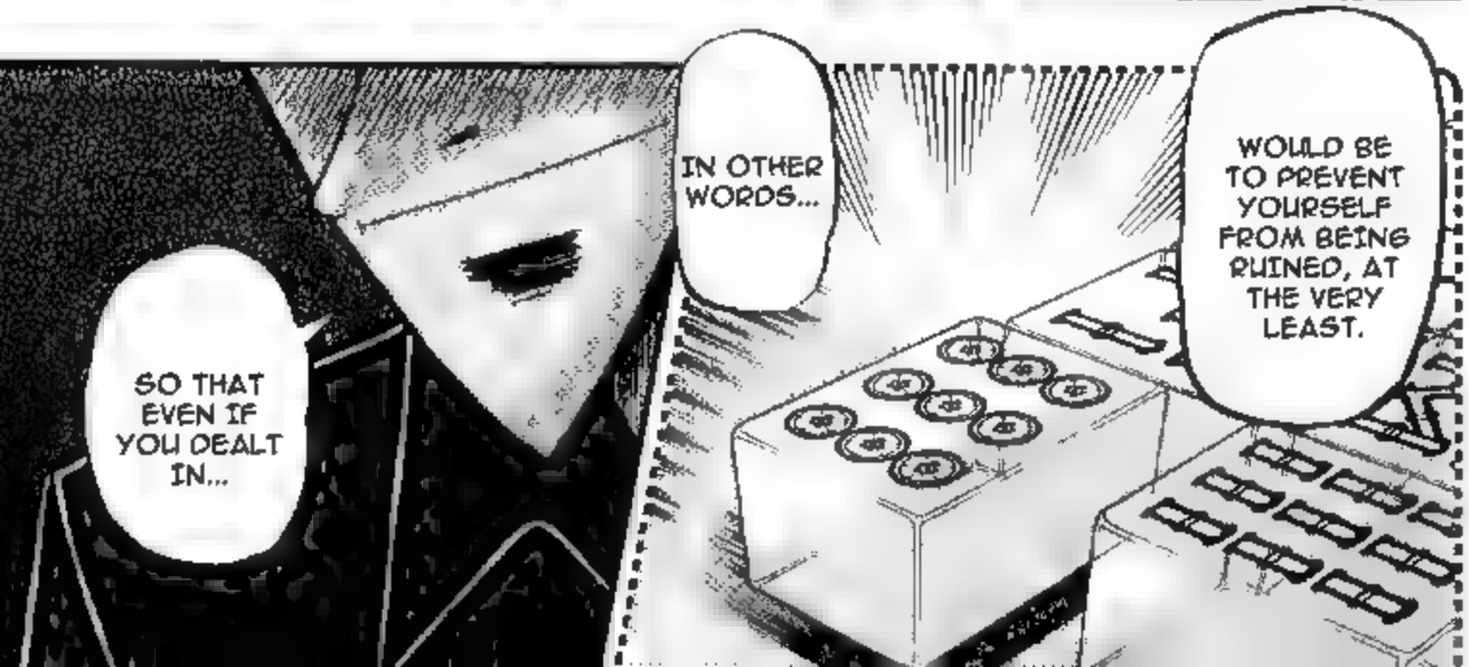
FOR THAT MUCH AT LEAST, YOU'RE COR-RECT!


HM-
HMM-
HMM...

I THOUGHT IT WOULD TURN OUT THIS WAY.

IT'S NOT LIKE I CHOSE THIS ON PURPOSE, BUT...

HUH?
THE LAST STOP ON YOUR FRIGHT-ENED TRAIN OF THOUGHT ...
THE LAST PLACE YOUR MIND WOULD GO...


IN OTHER WORDS...
WOULD BE TO PREVENT YOURSELF FROM BEING RUINED, AT THE VERY LEAST.
SO THAT EVEN IF YOU DEALT IN...

THE BLOW WOULD NOT BE LETHAL!
GYAUGH!!
GAHH!!
AHHH!
AHHHH!!
AKAGI!
HM-HMM...
RON.
RIICHI ONLY. WITH 3 HONBA, THAT'S 2900.
BUT...

I'M SURE YOU KNOW...
THAT WE STILL DON'T KNOW THE URA-DORA!
WITH THE URA-DORA, THIS HAND COULD GO UP TO MANGAN.

THAT'S 12900!
WHICH WOULD SPELL... YOUR DEATH!
GHAHHH...!
AHHH!!
AHHHH!!
AHHHH!!
AHHHH!!
AHHHH!!

INSANE!!
WHY?!
INSANE!!
INSANE!!
INSANE!

I THINK ABOUT IT...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH...
AND THINK...
EVEN IF I THINK...
HE'S JUST LIKE A BLACK HOLE!!
A BLACK HOLE...!!
IN THE END, I DEAL THE THING AKAGI IS WAITING FOR!!
A BLACK HOLE, FROM WHICH NOT EVEN LIGHT CAN ES-CAPE!
EVERYTHING IS CONSUMED!

ALL THAT'S AROUND HIM!!
THIS MAN DOES NOTHING BUT CON-SUME...

CON-
SUME
!!!
GAH!!!
But...
AHAHA
AHA!
AHA

There are no Ura-Dora!
It stops at 2900!
He sur-vives!
TCH!
Was-hizu...
Keeps his life!
KGH...
WHEW!!
HEHEHEH...

It is prolonged!
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GRRGHH...!
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!!
Made him pay only 2900 points!
There were no Ura-Dora, so this 2000-point hand with 3 honba...
He did deal in, but...
His life is narrowly pro-longed!
290 ccs were drawn!

He moves on!
It is held back to 290 ccs!
To the following round!
At the very least, he moves on!
In the final, 6th Session...
He lives on to the following round!

He moves on to the South 1st Round, 4th Honba!
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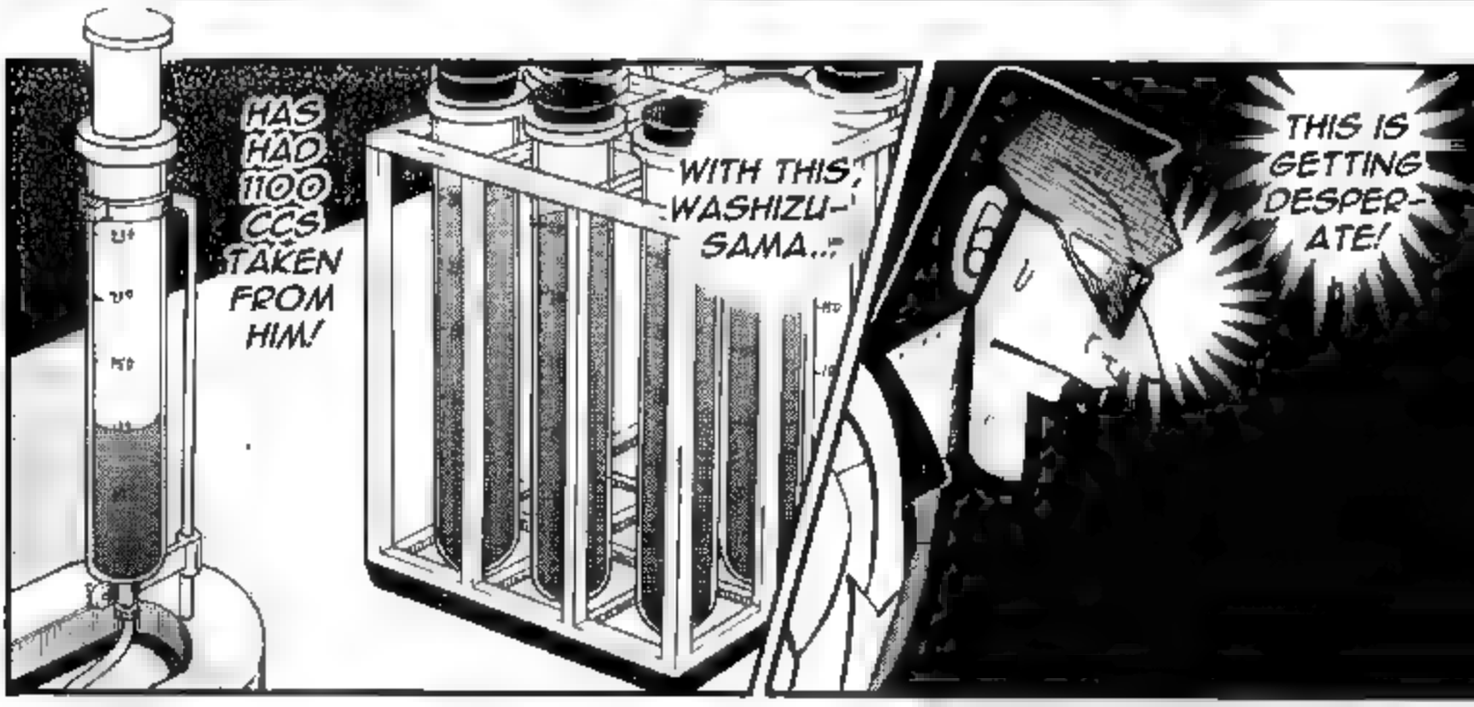
And while he does move on...
Even so...

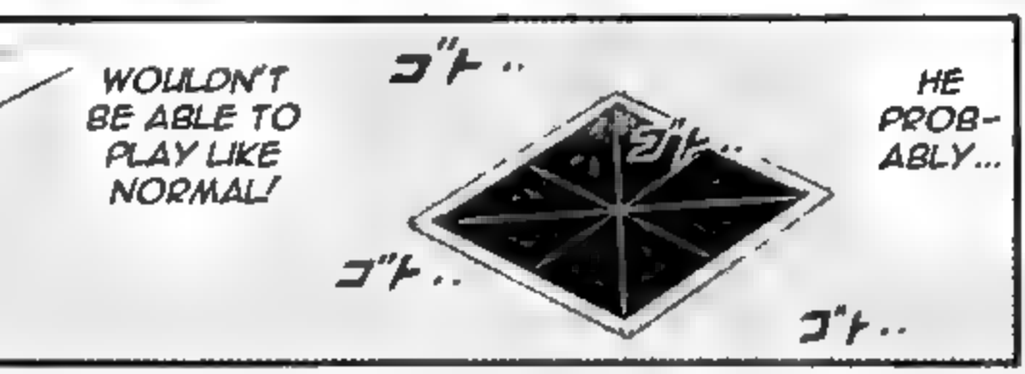
.....
Suddenly, he feels the full pressure...
Washizu is heavily pressured!
The invincible Akagi Shigeru!
Of the king of darkness that sits before him...

WASHIZU-SAMA...


HAS HAD 1100 CCS TAKEN FROM HIM!
WITH THIS, WASHIZU-SAMA..!
THIS IS GETTING DESPER-ATE!

STRINGS TOGETHER A BAIMAN TSUMO, THAT WILL BE 8000 FROM EVERY-ONE!
WASHIZU-SAMA WOULD LOSE 800 CCS... HE'D HAVE LOST 1900 IN TOTAL! AND IF HE HAS 1900 TAKEN FROM HIM...
AKAGI, THE DEALER
IF, IN THIS ROUND ...

WITH AROUND 5800 OR 7700...
IT WOULDN'T EVEN TAKE A MANGAN!
A BAIMAN WOULD BE OVERKILL...
WITH A DIRECT HIT...
THAT WOULD, OF COURSE, MEAN DEATH.
IF SOMEONE OF WASHIZU-SAMA'S AGE HAS 1700 CCS TAKEN FROM THEM...
HE WOULD BE KNOCKING AT DEATH'S DOOR!


WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PLAY LIKE NORMAL!
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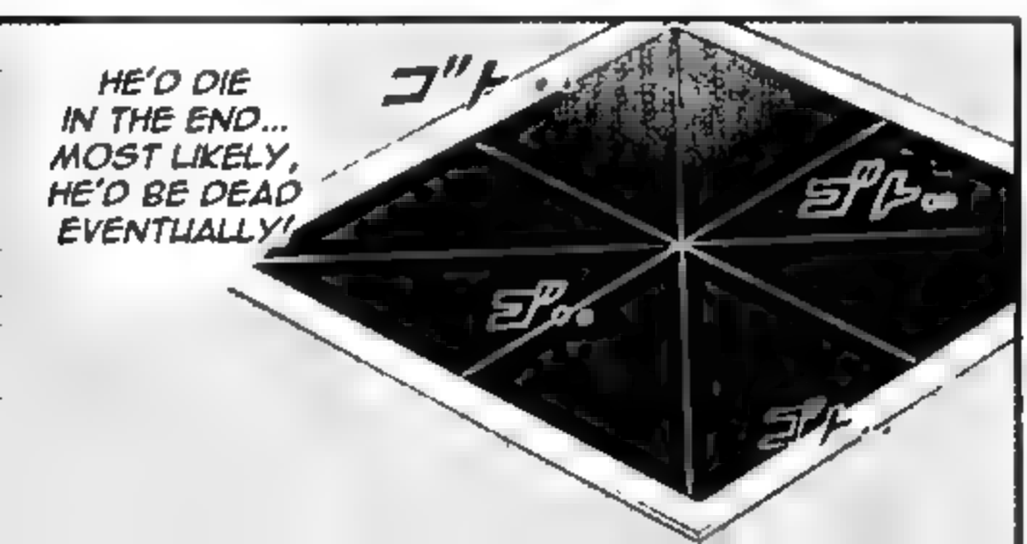
HE PROB-ABLY...

ON THE VERGE OF DEATH!
THEY WOULD BE IN A DAZE...


HE'D DIE IN THE END... MOST LIKELY, HE'D BE DEAD EVENTUALLY!
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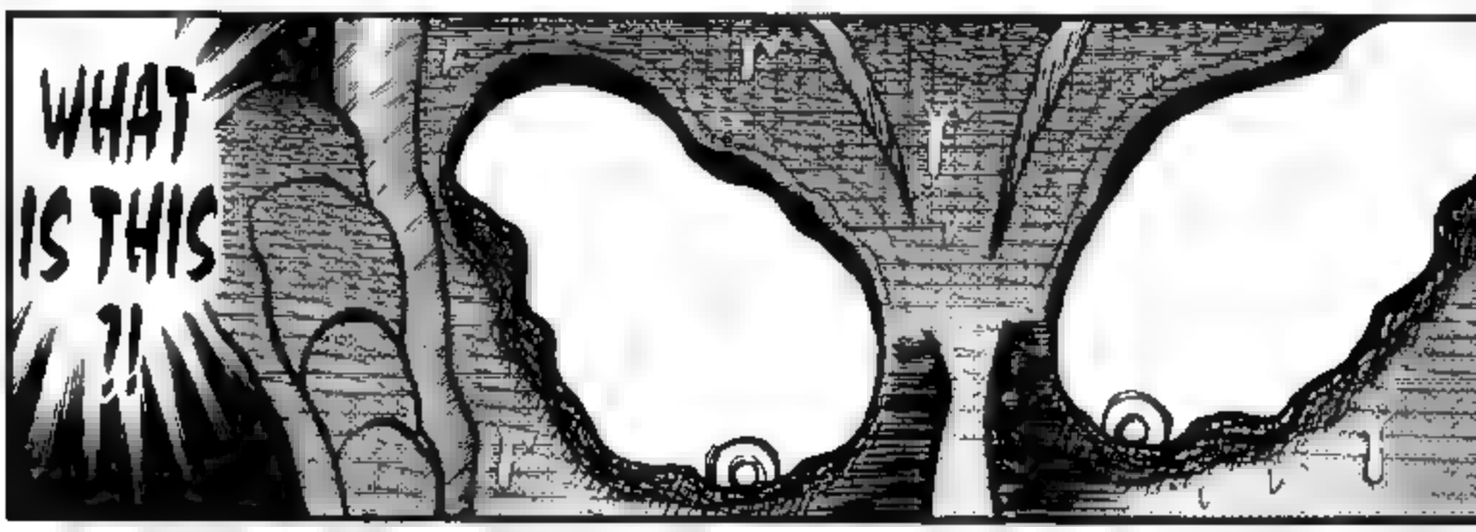
THAT DEMON HAS ACTUALLY MADE IT THIS FAR!!
HE'S CAUGHT UP TO US!

GRGH...!


WHAT IS THIS ?!

POWER?!

WHAT IS THIS...
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!

WHERE IS THIS POWER COMING FROM?!
IT'S ABSORBING ME!!!
PULLING ME IN!!!

I'LL BE SUCKED IN AND AB-SORBED...
BY THIS MAN!!
THIS MAN!!!!
THIS MAN!!
THIS MAN!!

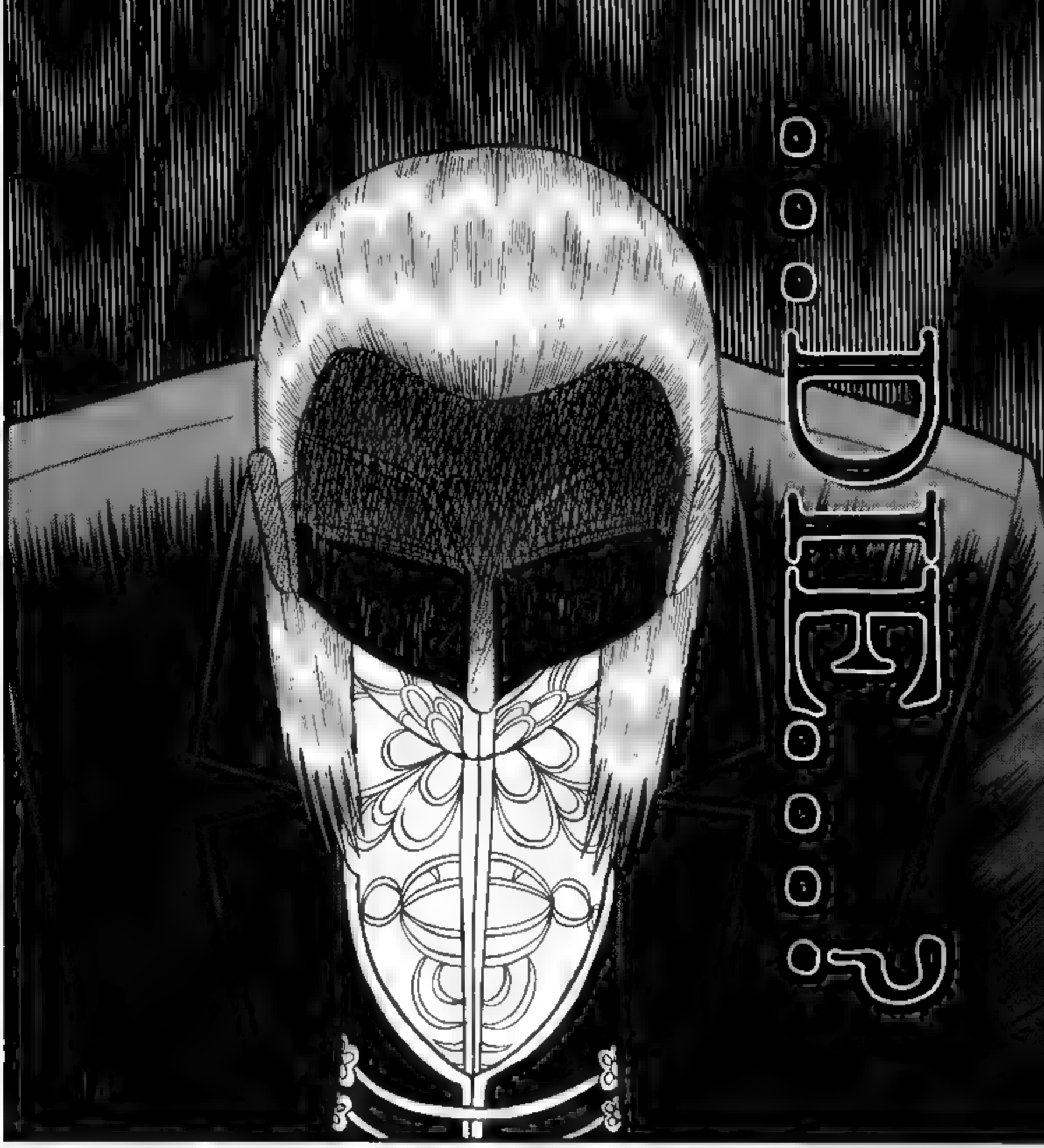
DIE...!!
AT THIS RATE, I'LL DIE!!
I'LL DIE!!

DIE...?

CHAPTER 199: ENTERPRISE
第199話 偉業

WEST SEAT: WASHIZU (83,600 POINTS)
LOST BLOOD: 1100 CCS
LOST MONEY: 600 MILLION YEN

6TH SESSION, SOUTH 1ST ROUND, 4TH HONBA
EAST SEAT: AKAGI (60,800 POINTS)
LOST BLOOD: 2000 CCS



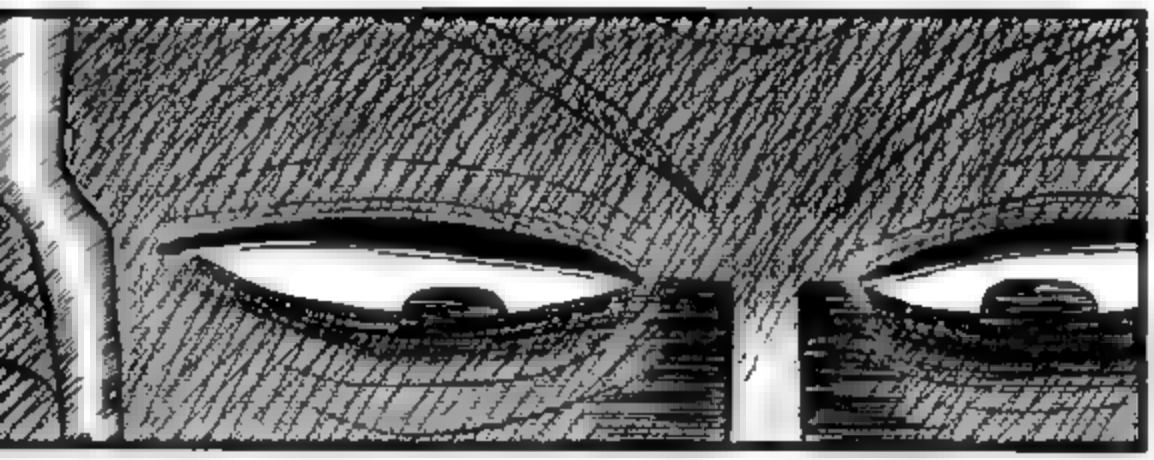
WHO...?

WHO'S GOING TO DIE...?

ME...
WASHIZU
IWAO...

I'M...
GOING
TO DIE
...?

ME
...?



HUH?

AND
DIE...?

WILL
LOSE...

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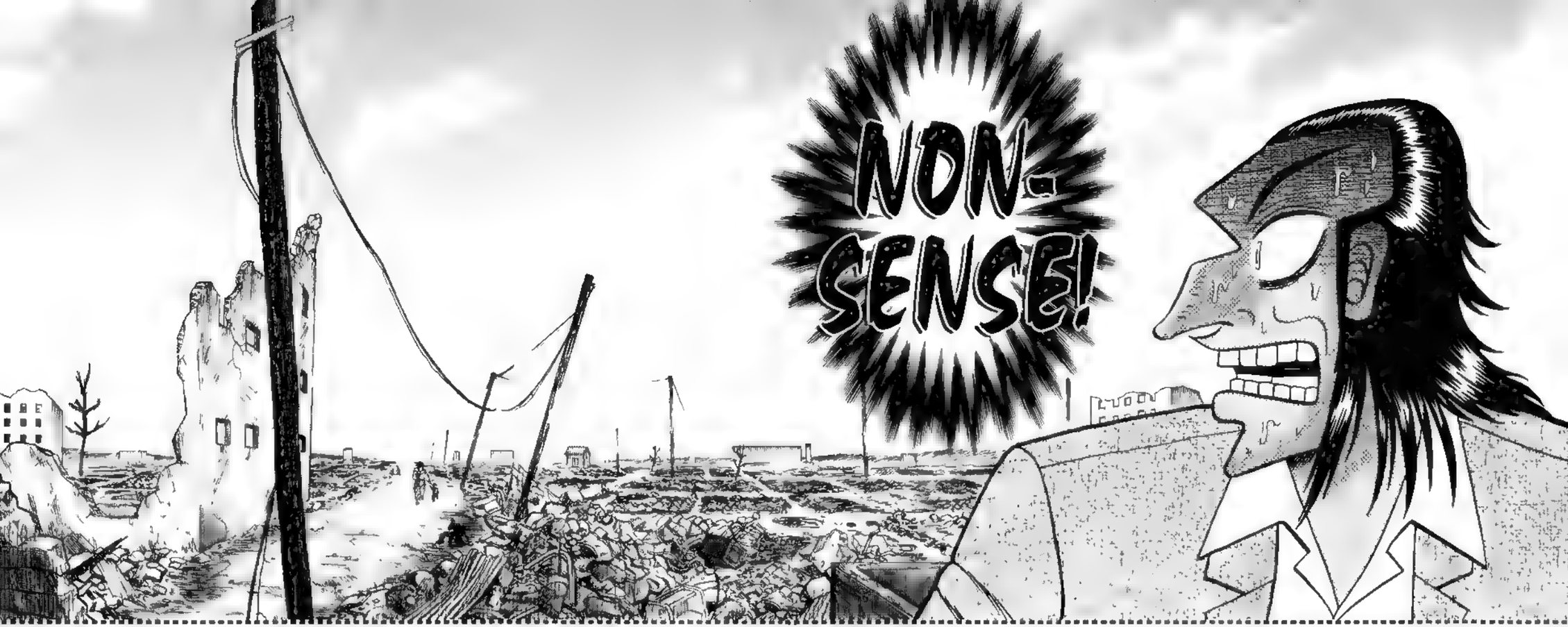
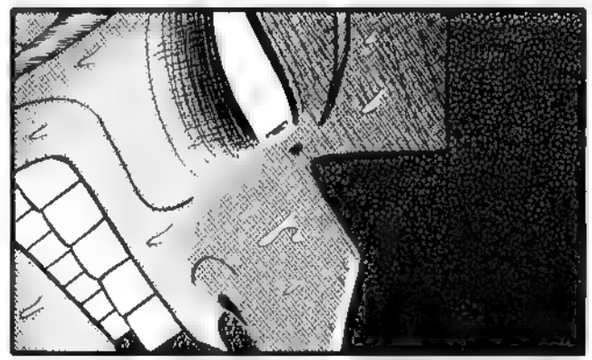
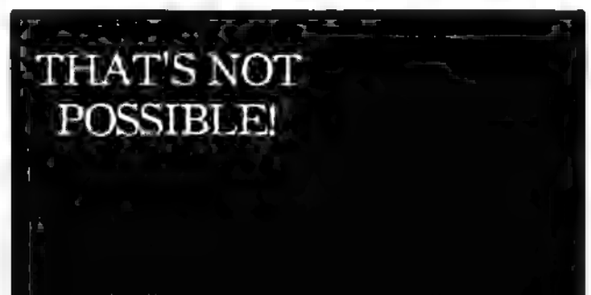
I'M GOING TO DIE ?!
DIE?!
GUAA

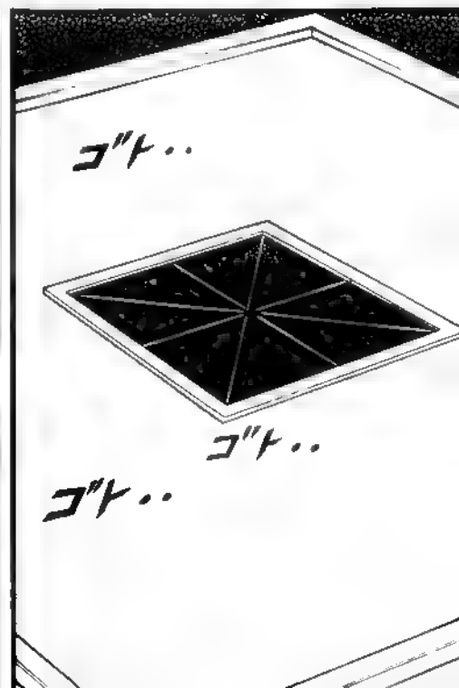

NON-SENSE!

SUCCEED!
TO MAKE MY ENTER-PRISE ...

I DECIDED ...
EVER SINCE THAT DAY AFTER THE WAR...




THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!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LOOK AT THEM!

I CHOSE TO SUCCEED IN ALL I DID!

IF I LOSE, I'LL BE JUST LIKE THEM!

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

THIS IS THE LAND OF THE GODS?

T/N. "SHINKOKU" OR LAND OF THE GODS IS A SHINTO TERM FOR JAPAN, DESCRIBING THE BELIEF THAT JAPAN WAS FOUNDED AND IS PROTECTED BY KAMI, GODS.

HEAPS OF RUBBLE AND CORPSES ARE PILED UP ALL OVER!

JAPAN WAS BRUTALLY DECIMATED...

THEY DRAGGED THE WAR ON AND ON... AND ENDED UP WITH... THIS!

I...

IDIOTS WITHOUT ANY GOALS OR PROS-PECTS!

HOPE-LESS SIMPLE-TONS...

I WON'T END UP LIKE THIS!!

I'LL WIN!

LOSING! DEATH!

I'LL WIN COMPLETELY AND MERCI-LESSLY!

WIN! WIN! WIN!!

I AM...

I WAS AWOKEN THAT DAY!

ETERNAL!

I'VE BUILT IT UP! MY LIFE OF VICTORY, OF ETERNAL, SURGING GREED...

ETERNAL! ETERNAL!! ETERNAL!!!

THROUGH AND THROUGH!!

I WILL LIVE MY LIFE FREE OF ANY-THING OF THE SORT...

I WON'T ALLOW IT!!

I'LL STAMP THAT RIGHT OUT!

A LIFE OF GREAT ENTER-PRISE!!

コ"....

OF COMPLETE AND TOTAL SUCCESS!

YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT...

THAT LIFE IS ABOUT TO BE EXTIN-GUISHED?!

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SIBLE!
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DORA
INDICATOR

The players draw their starting hands for the South 1st Round, 4th Honba.
IN-
CONCEIV-
ABLE!!

OF COURSE IT IS!!

ABOUT LIFE AND DEATH...

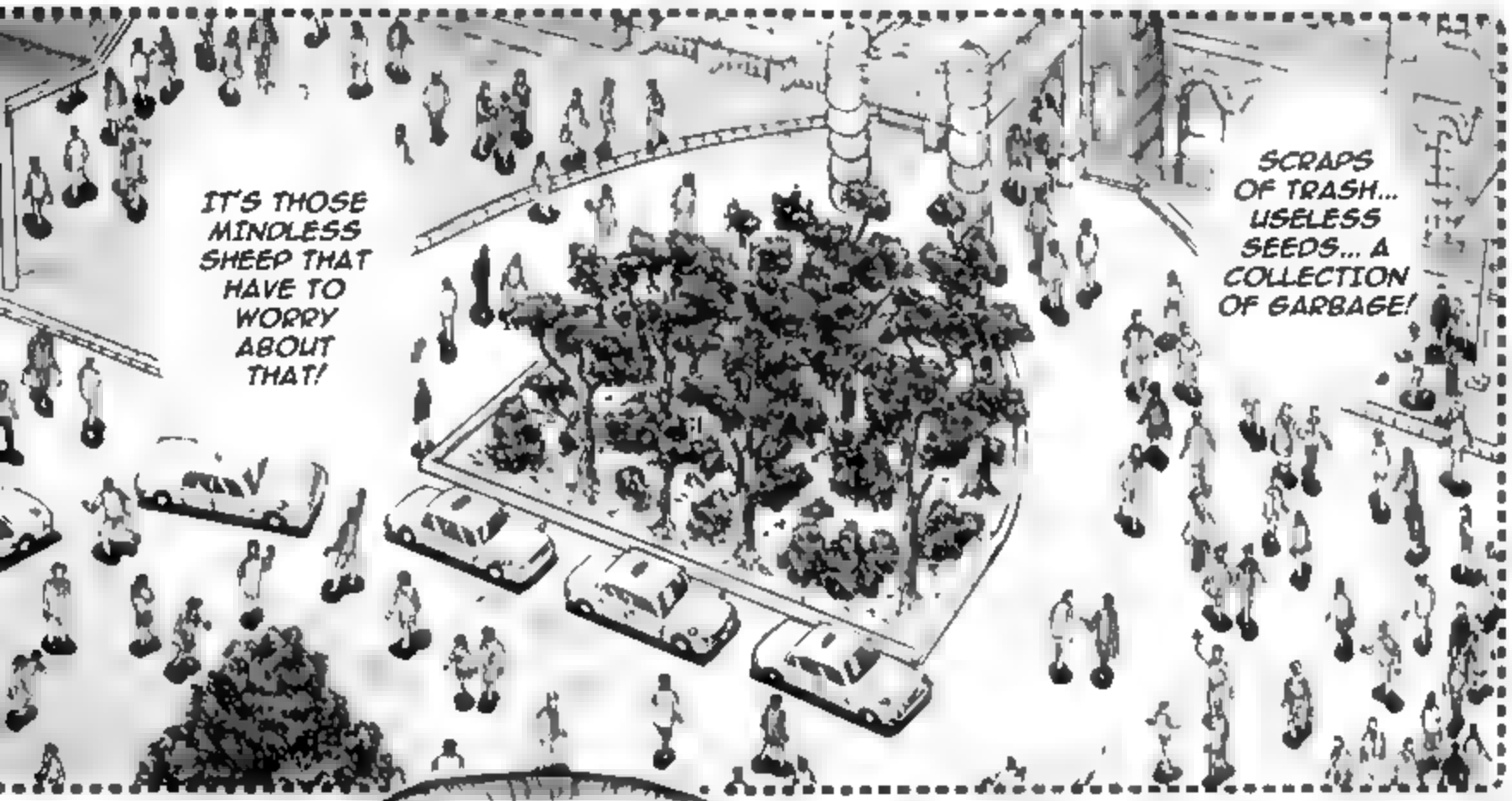
THE ONES WHO NEED TO WORRY

...

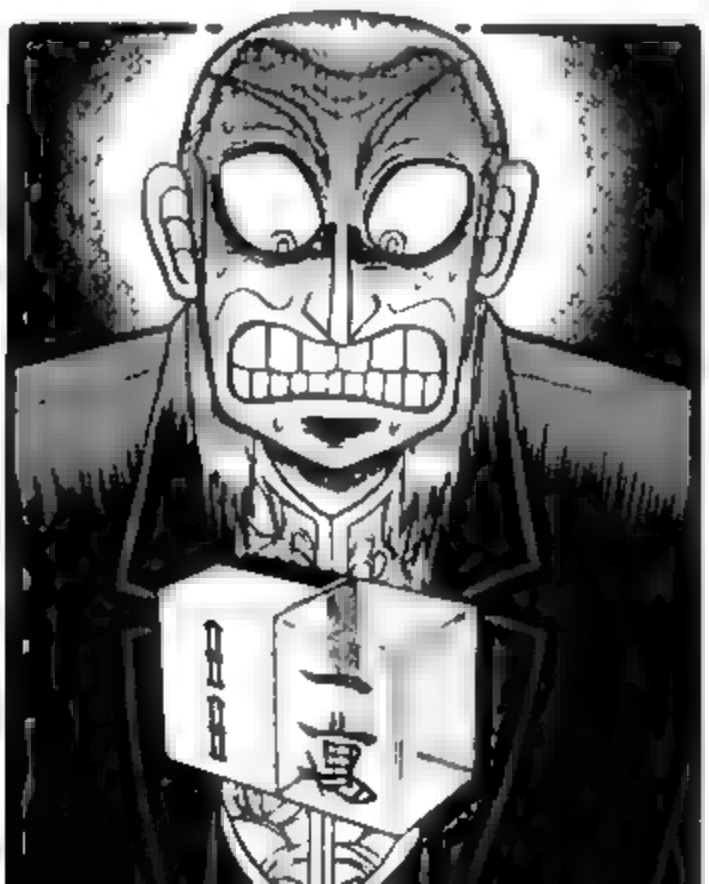
ARE NOT THE ELITE LIKE ME...

IT'S THE PEA-SANTS!!

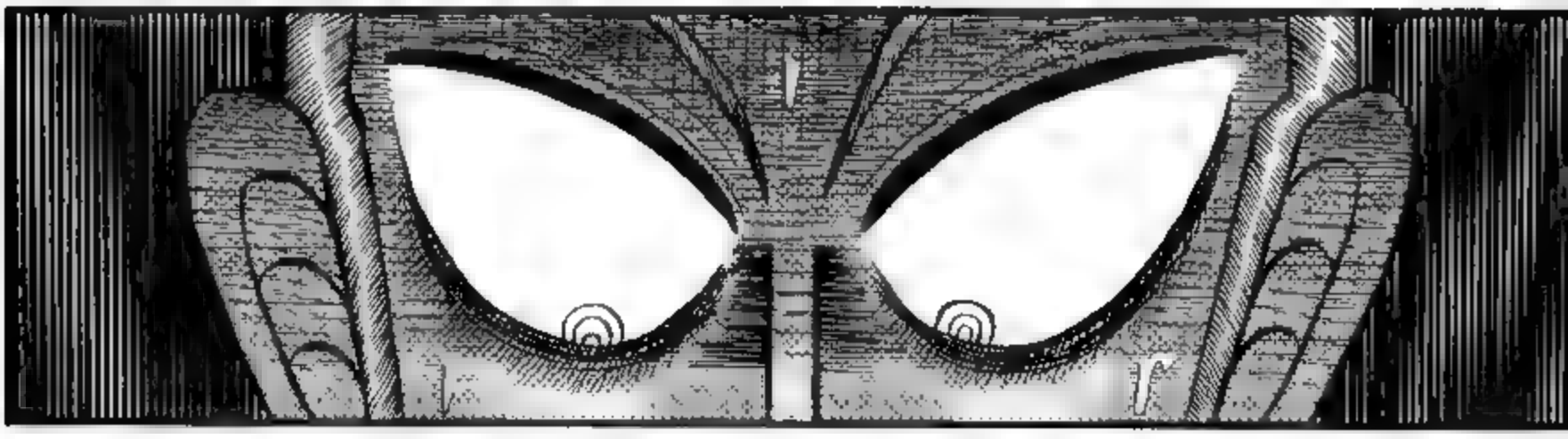
1F
AND YOU'LL SEE HUNDREDS OF THEM SQUIRMING ABOUT!
GO INTO THE CITY...
THE IDIOTS LEISURELY LIVING DAY-TO-DAY!
THE IGNO-RANT POPU-LACE!!


IT'S THOSE MINDLESS SHEEP THAT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT!
SCRAPS OF TRASH... USELESS SEEDS... A COLLECTION OF GARBAGE!

BUT FOR ME...



MY EXCEL-LENCE...
LIFE AND DEATH...
IS ABOVE SUCH THINGS AS THAT!!
I AM OF HIGHER RANK!
I AM DIFFERENT FROM THE LIKES OF THEM!



DEATH SHALL NEVER COME!

SINCE I DO NOT WISH TO DIE...

I'LL WIN!

WINNING THE GAME!

I WILL KILL AKAGI HERE...

IN OTHER WORDS...

THAT IS A SELF-EVIDENT TRUTH!

THINKING BACK ON IT, IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY!

YES!

FOR ME, IT IS COMPLETELY SELF-EVIDENT!

WERE OBVIOUS VICTORIES FOR ME! GAMBLES I WAS SURE TO WIN!

THINGS THAT SEEMED LIKE SUICIDE TO THOSE AROUND ME...

I WILL WIN THIS, 100%! THIS IS A WINNING GAMBLE FOR ME!

IT'S GOOD, IT'S ALL GOOD!

KHAH-HAH-HAH!

WASHIZU-SAMA! PLEASE, RECONSIDER...

DON'T WORRY!

IF YOU ARE TO SOMEHOW LOSE...

BUT STILL—

IT'S A SURE THING!

NOBODY HAS EVER SLIPPED AND FALLEN OFF THE EARTH, HAVE THEY?

I CANNOT LOSE, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO LOSE!

JUST LIKE HOW I HAVE NEVER LOST!

I DO NOTHING BUT WIN!

I SIMPLY WIN!

OF THAT CONVIC-TION... THAT FEELING!

AND I LOST SIGHT OF THAT!

OF THAT CONVICTION... THAT FEELING!

I LOST SIGHT OF IT!

I SIMPLY...

EVER SINCE THAT FATEFUL DAY!!
DO NOTHING BUT WIN!! I AM SUPER-HUMAN!!!
He had re-turned to the begin-ning!
CHAPTER 200: WASTELAND
第200話 荒野

アカギ Color Manuscript Gallery

「アカギ」連載200回記念巻頭カラーは、なんと赤木の出番がなく、若き日の鷲巣が主役…!!!

OF THAT CONVICTION... THAT FEELING!

I LOST SIGHT OF IT!

I SIMPLY ...

He was completely cornered.

He had been mercilessly pursued and cornered...

He had dealt into Akagi's hands 5 straight times.

He had

For a moment, Washizu had lost his spark. But...

V

Swooping back up in a V formation!

EVER SINCE THAT FATEFUL DAY!!

He had returned to the beginning!

DO NOTHING BUT WIN!! I AM SUPER-HUMAN!!!

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He had dealt into Akagi's hands 5 straight times.

He had been mercilessly pursued and cornered...

He was completely disheartened.

For a moment, Washizu had lost his spark, but...

By remembering the starting point of his success...

He had recovered from his lapse of faith!

Swooping back up in a V formation!!

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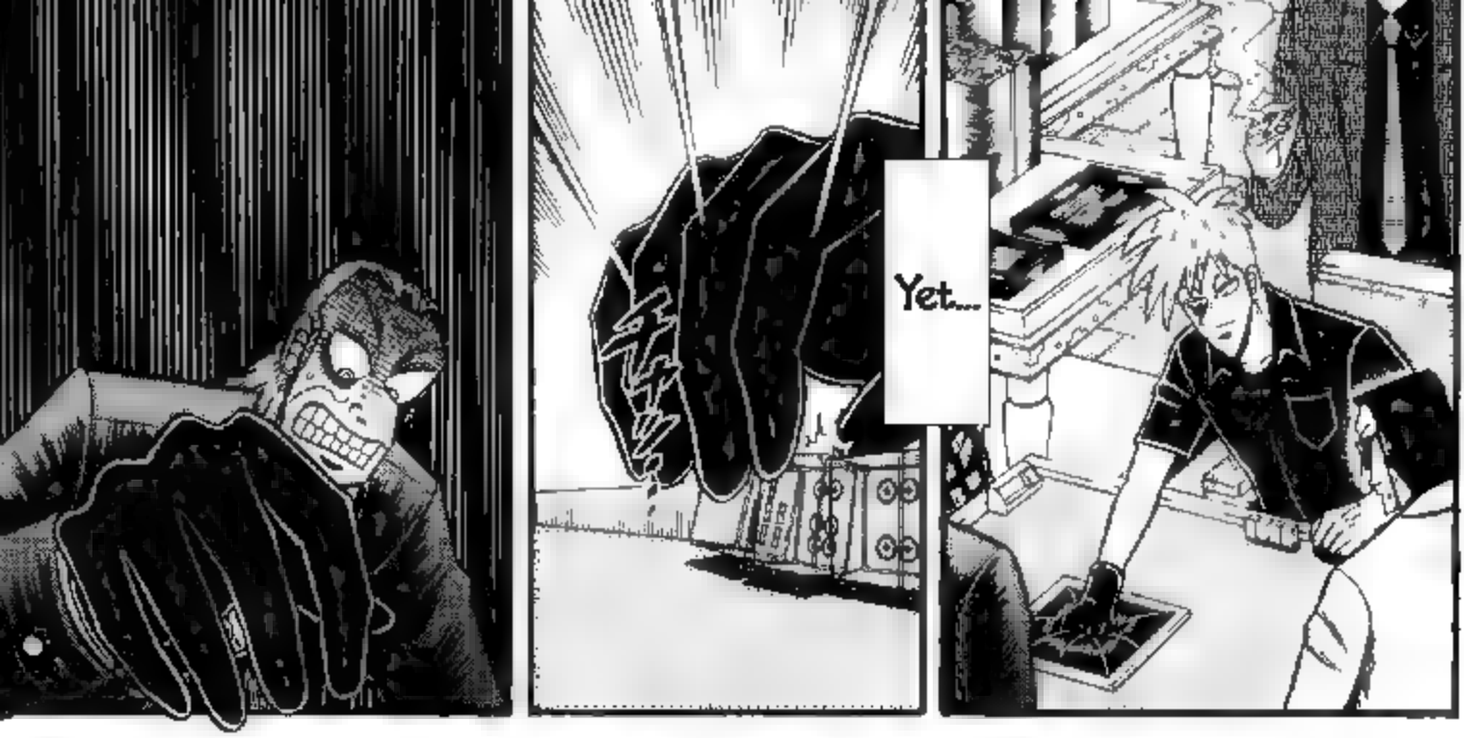
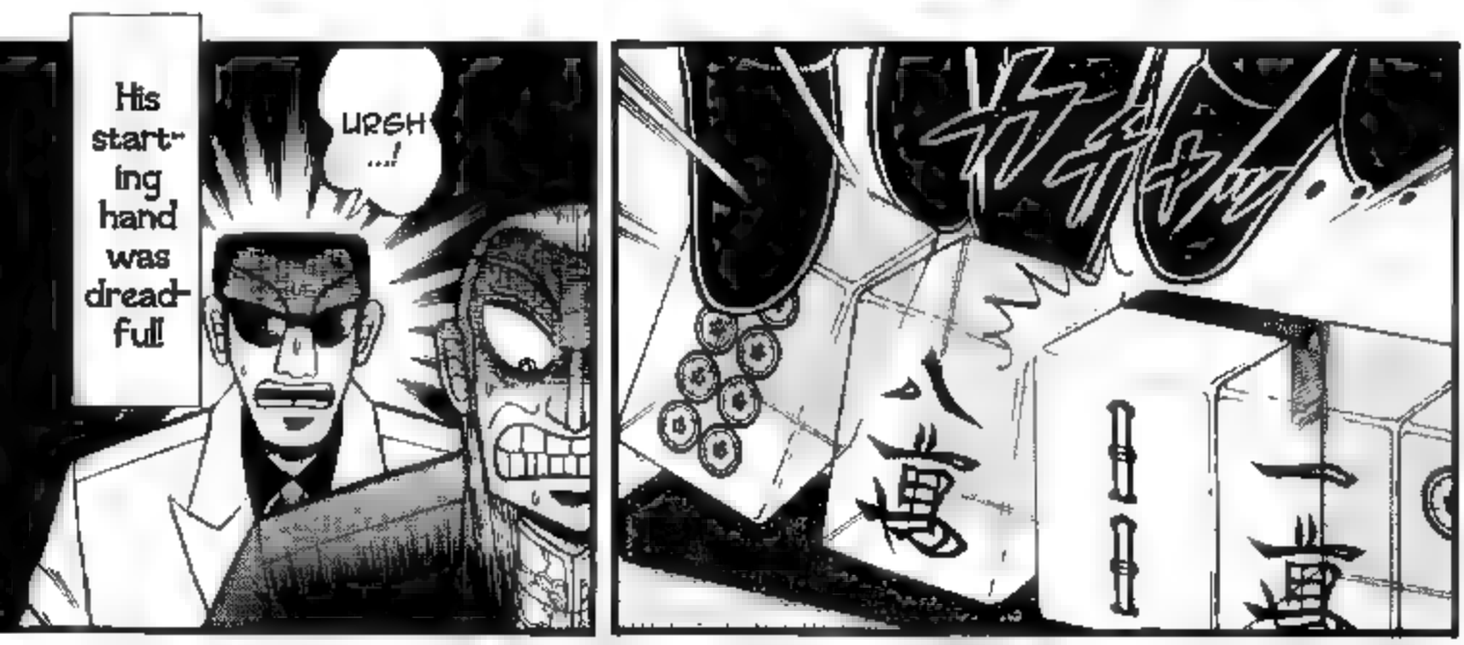
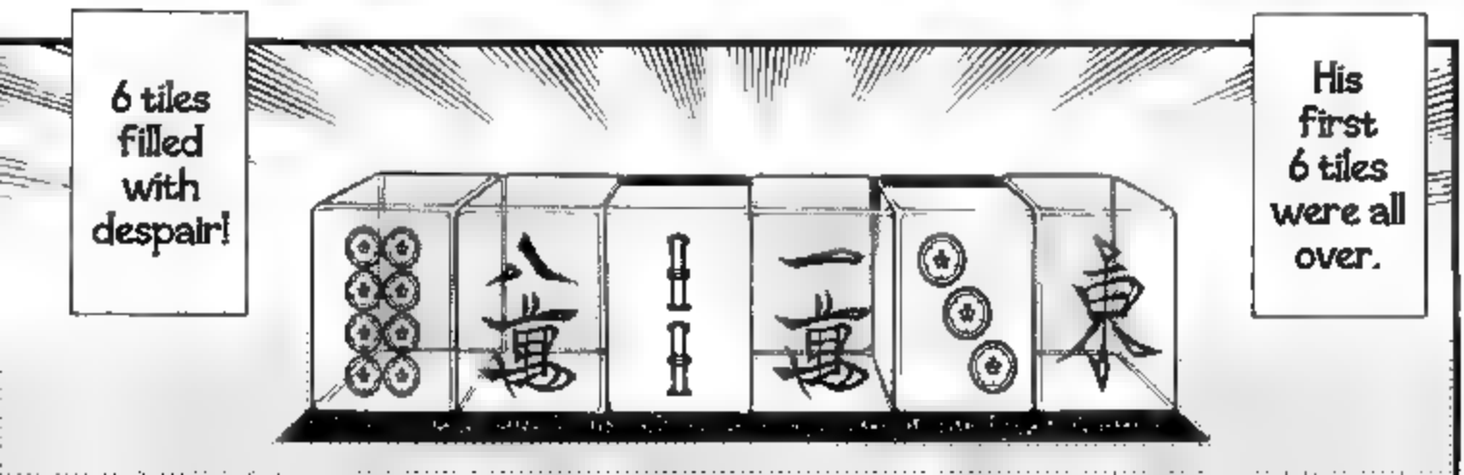
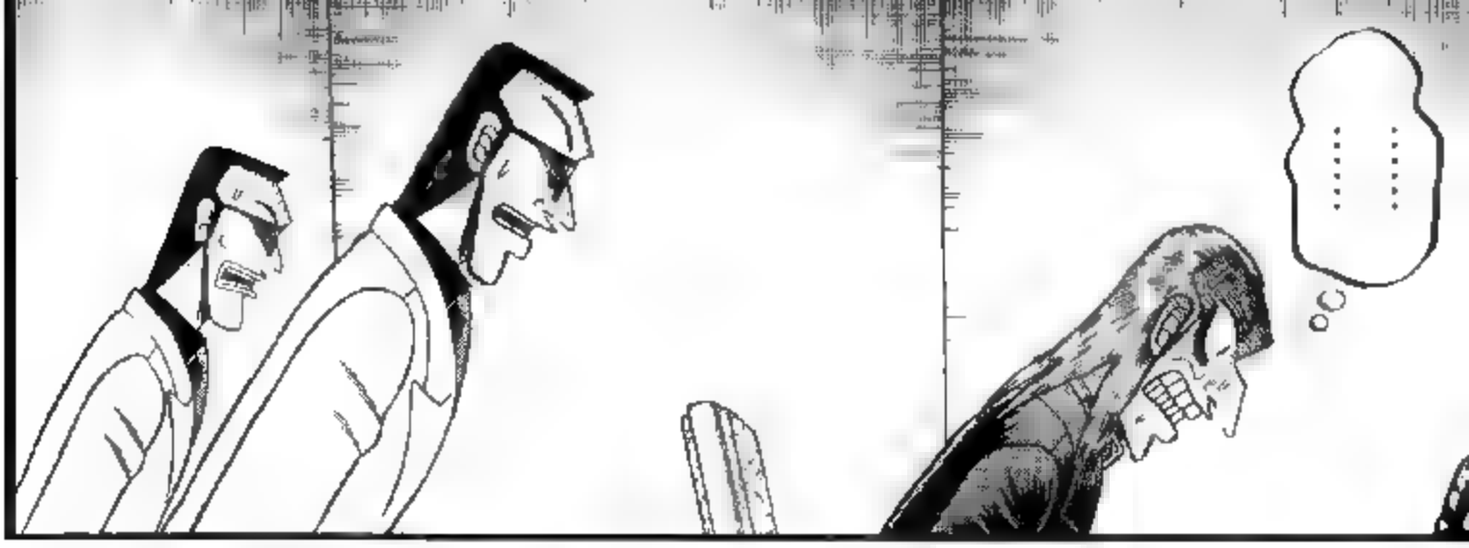

Yet...

Be that as it may ...


His starting hand was dreadful!
URGH ...!


6 tiles filled with despair!
His first 6 tiles were all over.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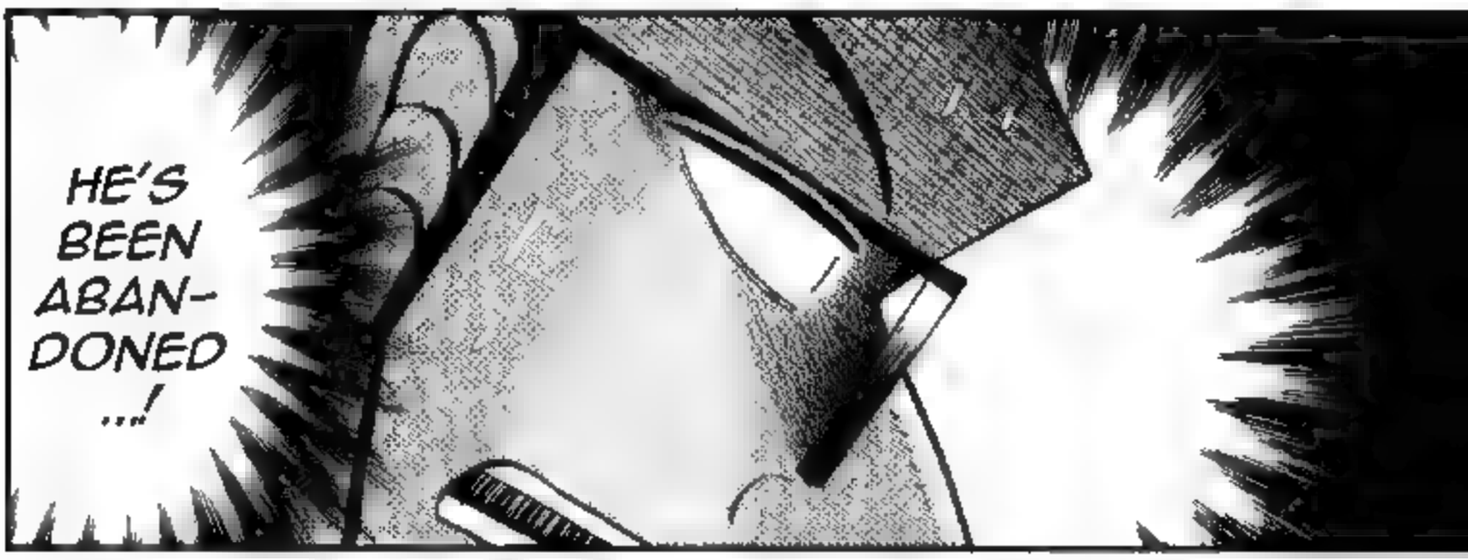
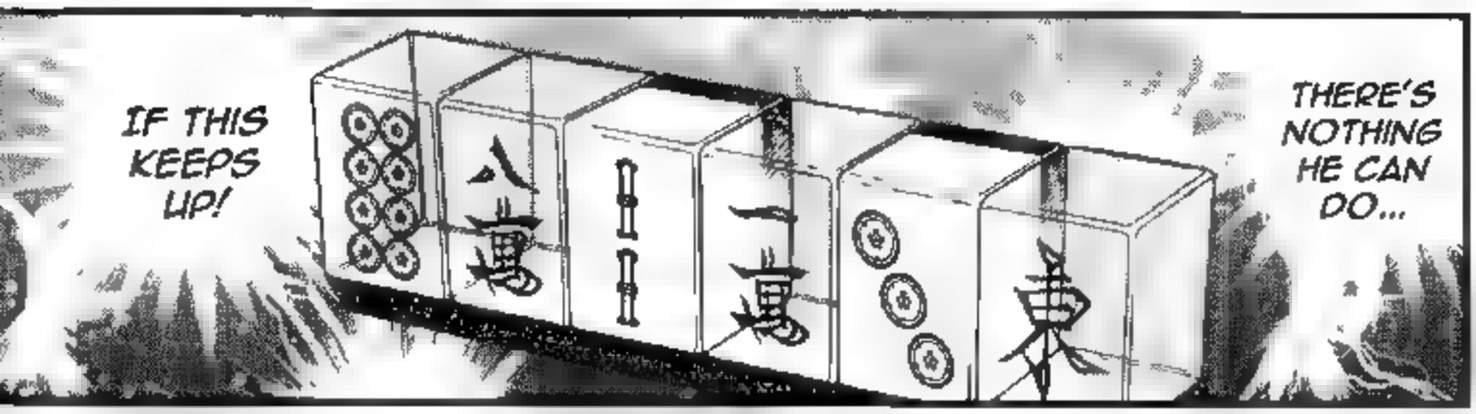

HE'S BEEN ABAN-DONED ...!

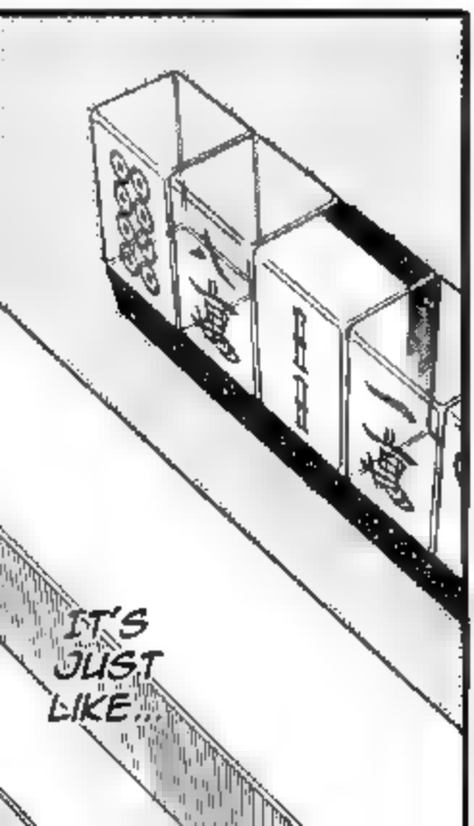
TO ALWAYS FOLLOW VICTORY WHER-EVER HE WENT.
AND THAT AL-LOWED WASH-IZU-SAMA ...

FROM "SOME-WHERE".
WASHIZU-SAMA HAS ALWAYS RECEIVED DIVINE PRO-TECTION...

HE HAD THAT KIND OF POWER!

ALL OF THAT HAS DRIFTED AWAY FROM HIM, NOW!
GODS! LUCK! FORTUNE!


IF THIS KEEPS UP!
THERE'S NOTHING HE CAN DO...


IT'S JUST LIKE...

HMPH !!

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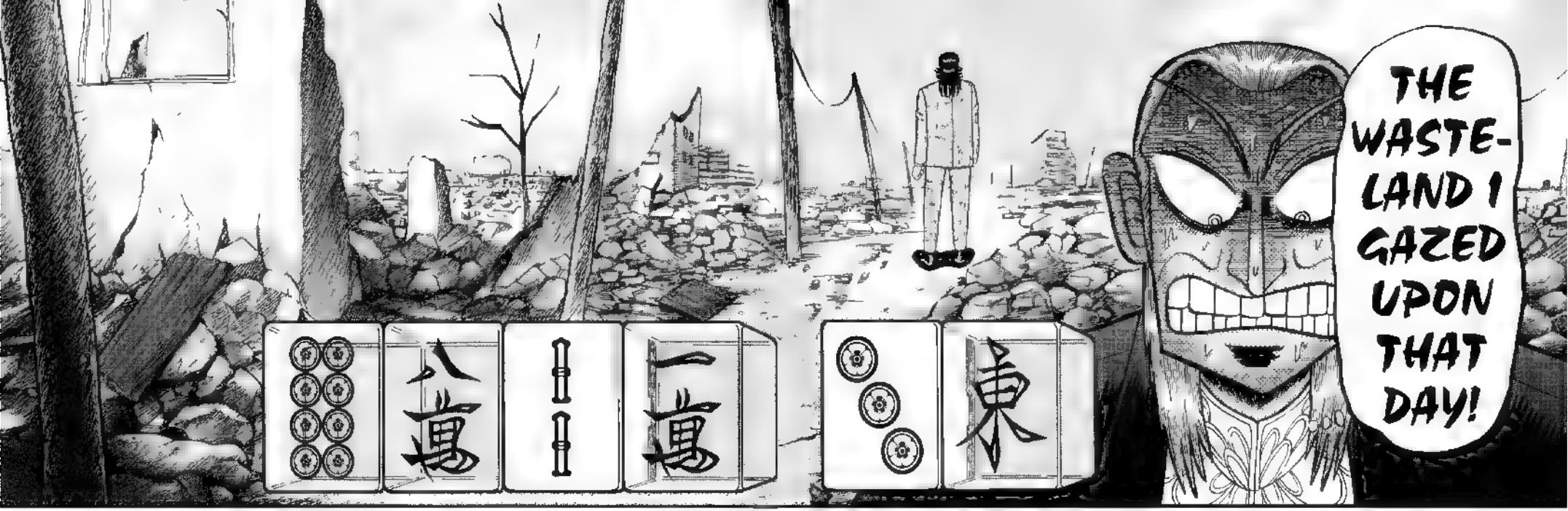
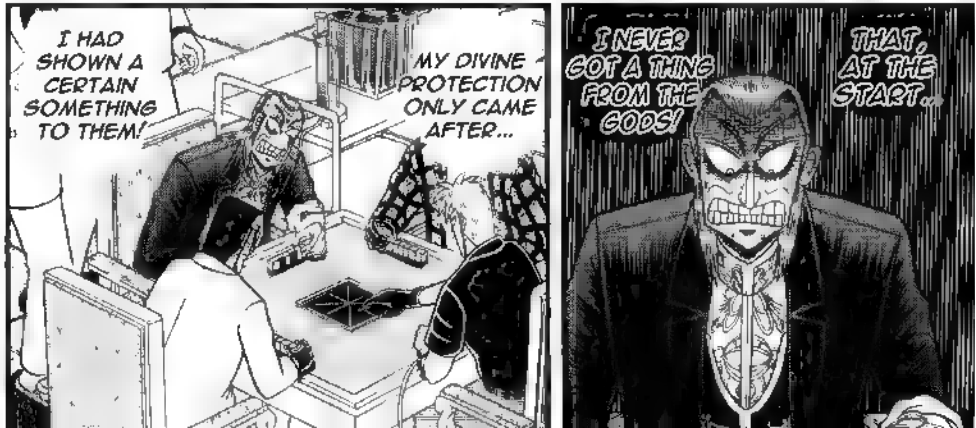

THE WASTE-LAND I GAZED UPON THAT DAY!

WAS RIDING THE COAT-TAILS OF SOMEONE STRONG!
IN OTHER WORDS... ALL THEY WERE DOING...
AND CAME TO MY SIDE, UNASSUM-INGLY!
THE GODS SAW THAT STRONG WILL...

NO, IT HAS TO BE!
IT MIGHT JUST BE THE CASE...
YES!
THAT'S RIGHT!

BUT...
AND SINCE I APPEAR TO BE BOTH, NOW, THEY HAVE ABAN-DONED ME!
PEOPLE WHO ARE POOR AND WEAK!
THEY WILL NEVER LIFT A FINGER TO HELP...
AND THUS ...
IT WAS JUST BLIND OPPOR-TUNISM!


I HAD SHOWN A CERTAIN SOMETHING TO THEM!
MY DIVINE PROTECTION ONLY CAME AFTER...
I NEVER GOT A THING FROM THE GODS!
THAT, AT THE START...

I STARTED OUT BY MYSELF!
I WAS ON MY OWN, AT THE START!
BACK TO HOW I WAS ON THAT DAY!
I'VE JUST RETURNED ...
SO I'LL SAY IT NOW...
I DON'T NEED THEM!
I'M FINE WITH THAT!
I DON'T CARE!

I DON'T NEED ANY GODS!!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO ABANDON ME...
THEN I DON'T WANT YOU BACK!
GO DIE!

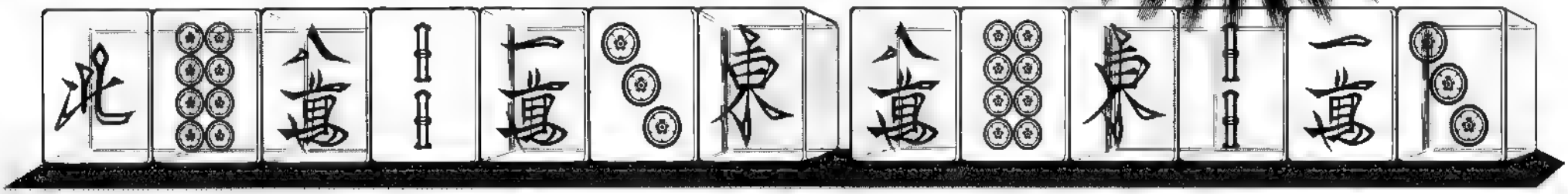
GO KILL YOUR-SELVES!..
ALL YOU GODS CAN GO AND DIE!!
I'M BETTER THAN ANY SO-CALLED GOD!!
I'M BETTER!!

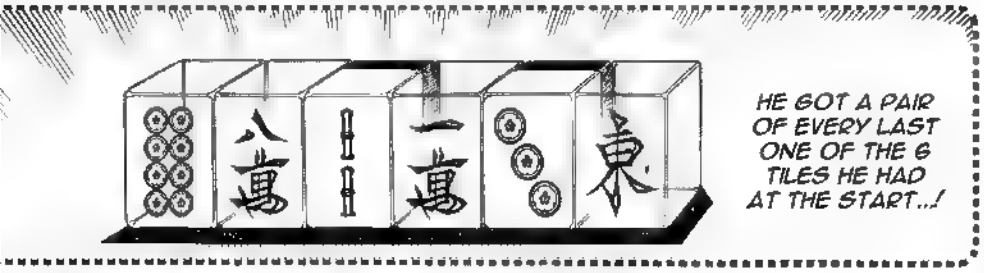
BETTER!!
WHAT THE -?!
AHHH ..!

LIGHT ! ....!
IT'S LIGHT!!
I CAN SENSE LIGHT!

GIVES OFF AN AURA LIKE THIS...
WASH-IZU-SAMA SOME-TIMES ...
I'VE BEEN WITH HIM FOR SUCH A LONG TIME, SO I CAN UNDERSTAND IT!
THERE'S LIGHT RADIATING FROM WASHIZU-SAMA!
HAH...!
AHH ...!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS ?!
WHOOAH!!

TENPAI.....!!!





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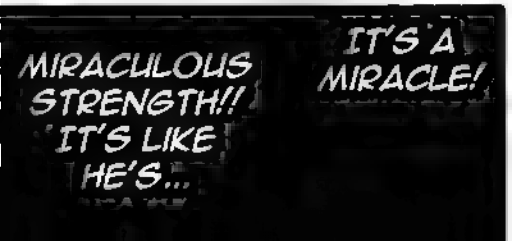


A WHITE HOLE!!

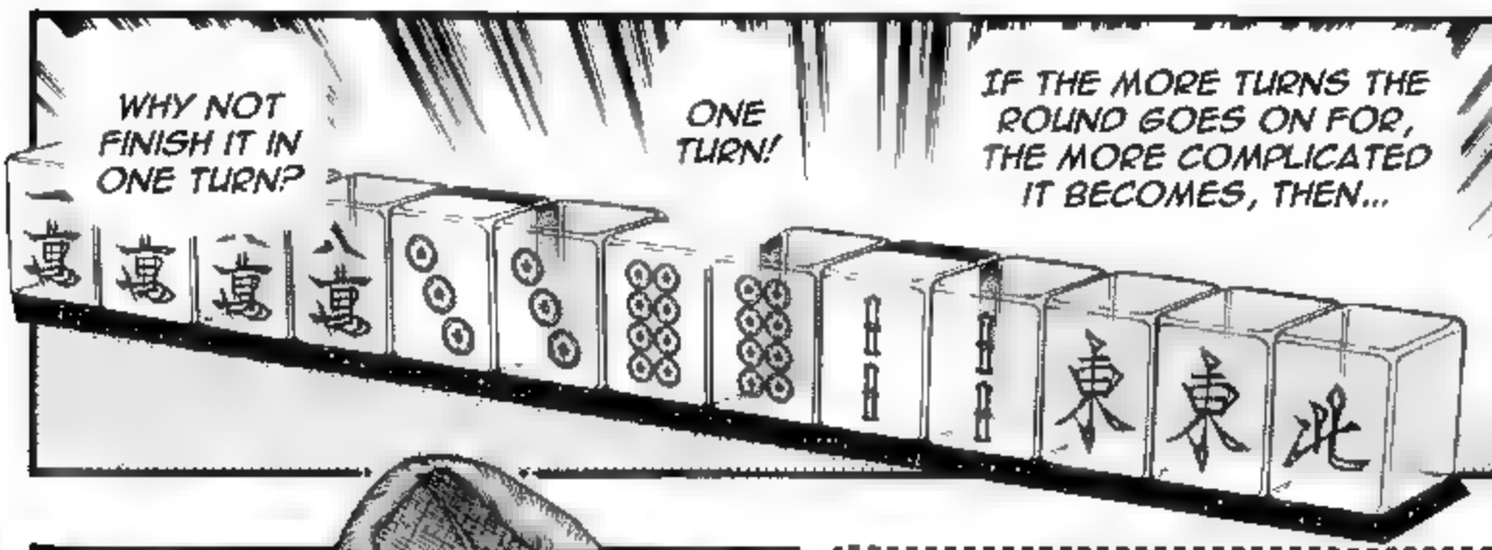
DIFFERENT FROM THE LIGHT THAT A NORMAL, BURNING STAR GIVES OFF...
IN A DIFFERENT DIMENSION OF THE UNIVERSE!
A HYPO-THETICAL WHITE HOLE, FORMING A COUNTER-PART WITH A BLACK HOLE...

LIGHT THAT DEFIES EXPLANA-TION!!
IT IS SOMETHING THAT CONTINU-OUSLY BURSTS FORTH INFINITE LIGHT...
HE HA'S IT BACK!!

KHEH-HEH-HEH...
KHAH-HAH-HAH...
KHEE-HEE-HEE...

THAT INEXPLI-CABLE POWER OF HIS BACK!!
WASH-IZU-SAMA FINALLY HAS...

NATURALLY! THIS IS ONLY NATURAL!!
KHEEEEEE-HEE-HEE-HEE!!


WHY NOT FINISH IT IN ONE TURN?
ONE TURN!
IF THE MORE TURNS THE ROUND GOES ON FOR, THE MORE COMPLICATED IT BECOMES, THEN...

THAT'S RIGHT!
KHEH-HEH-HEH!
LEARN IT WELL!

GOD IS SUCKING UP TO ME!
THAT IS WHAT HE IS SAYING TO TRY TO GET CLOSE TO ME...

AND ALL OF YOU ARE MY SERV-ANTS!
I AM AN EMPEROR !!!

TO PLEASE ME!
DO EVERY-THING IN YOUR POWER ....
YOU GO TO ME FOR ORDERS!

YES!

ARE SAYING "SAVE ME, PLEASE SAVE ME!"
AFTER ALL, ALL OF THEM...

HAVING THE GODS SERVE ME...
THIS WAS IT!

THIS IS WHAT HAD TO HAPPEN!
THIS IS IT!

THEY ARE ...
IT'S BACK-WARDS !!

EVEN IF YOU BEG, GROVEL, AND PLEAD THEM TO SAVE YOU, THEY MAKE THE FINAL DECISION!

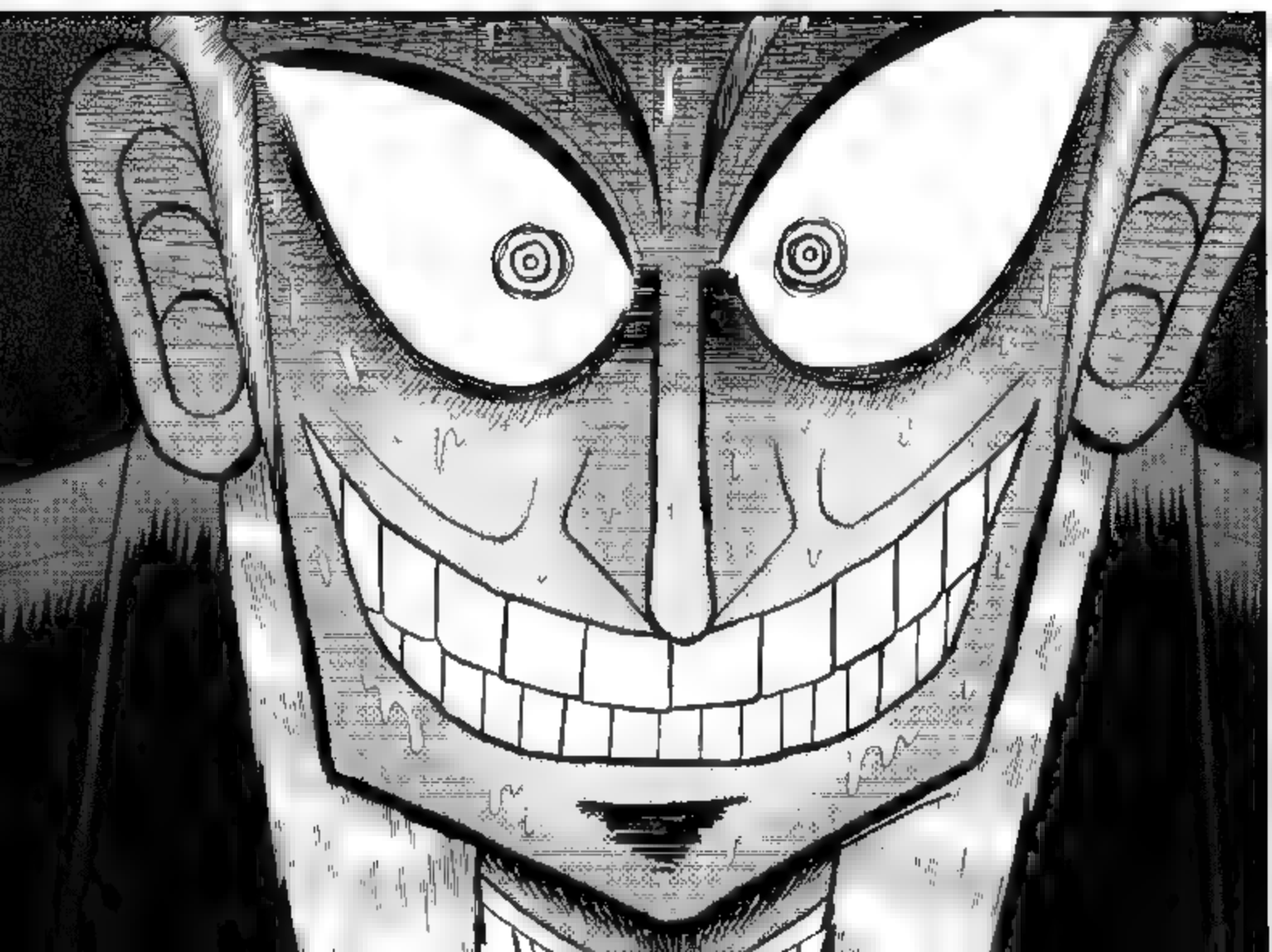
THEY HAVE CARVED OUT THEIR OWN POWER, AND SO...
SELF-MADE!

WITH SIMILAR SPIRITS TO THEIRS!
THEY WILL ONLY SUPPORT THOSE...
THE GODS WON'T GIVE YOU A PASSING GLANCE!
THEY WON'T EVEN BOTHER WITH YOU!
UNTIL YOUR FINGER-PRINTS ARE GONE, BUT...
YOU CAN RUB YOUR HANDS TOGETHER
KHEH-HEH-HEH...!

HOW TO GET THE GODS ON MY SIDE!!

I'VE REMEM-BERED, NOW...

AKAGI...!



CHAPTER 201: WAVE OF INSIGHT

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HOW TO GET THE GODS ON MY SIDE ...!!
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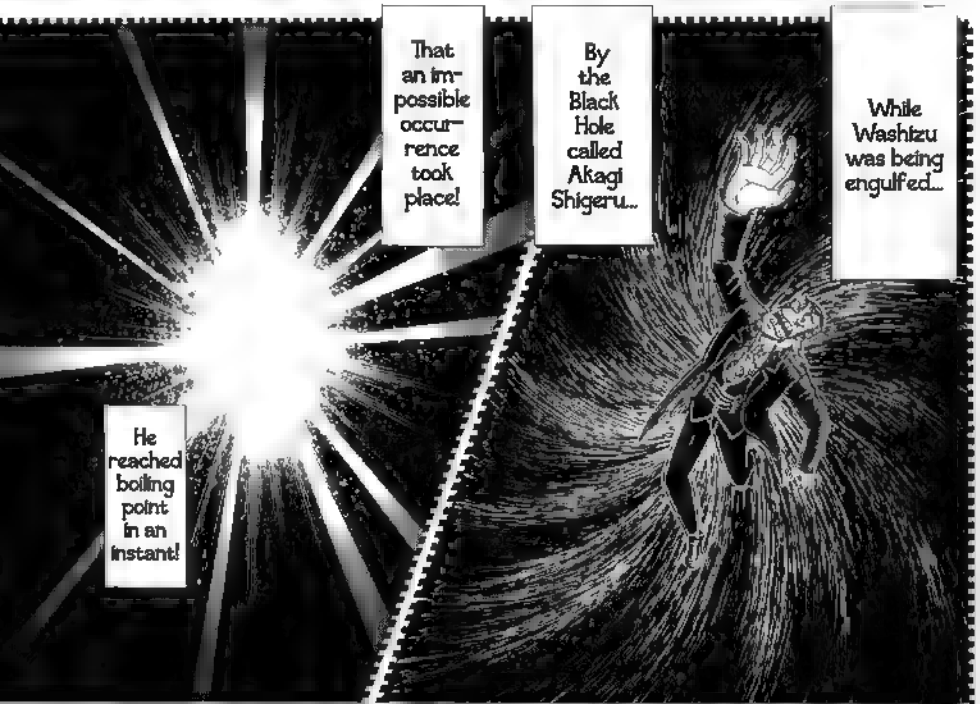
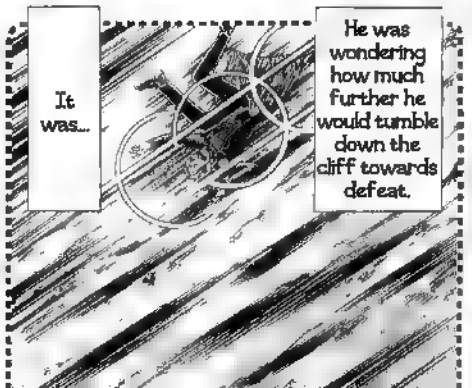
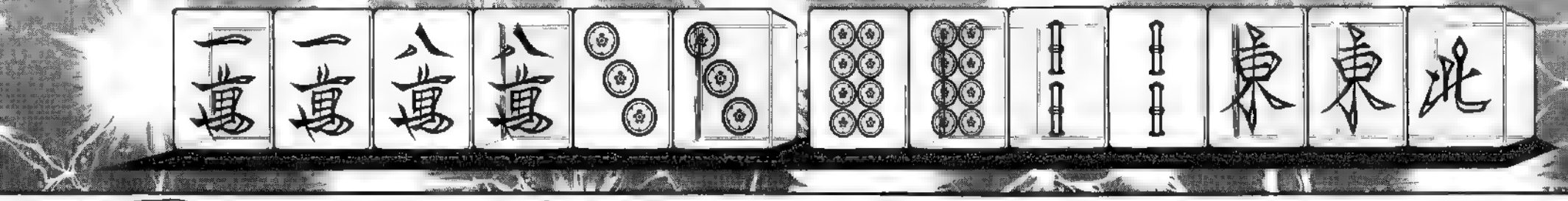
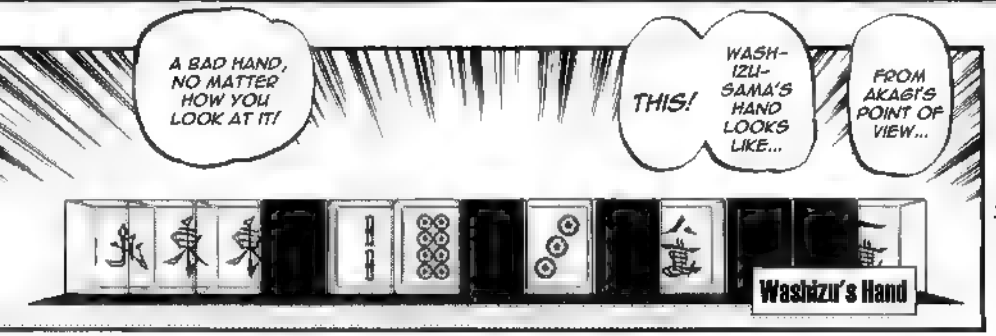
6TH SESSION, SOUTH 1ST ROUND, 4TH HONBA
EAST SEAT: AKAGI (50,800 POINTS)
LOST BLOOD: 2000 CCS
WEST SEAT: WASHIZU (83,600 POINTS)
LOST BLOOD: 1100 CCS
LOST MONEY: 600 MILLION YEN


That an impossible occurrence took place!
By the Black Hole called Akagi Shigeru...
While Washizu was being engulfed...
He reached boiling point in an instant!

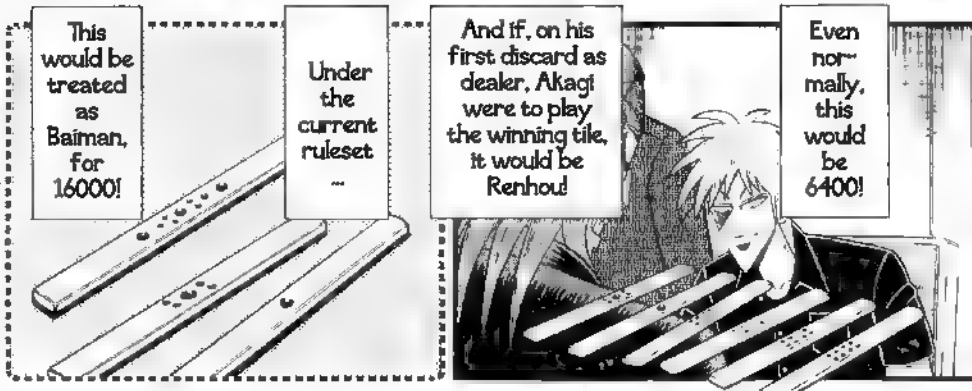


CHII TOITSU, 2 DORA!



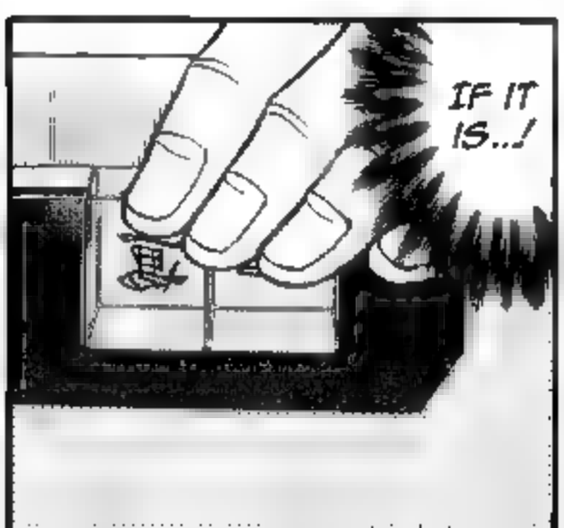


T/N RENHOU IS WINNING ON A DISCARD BEFORE YOU HAVE TAKEN A DRAW YOURSELF, AND BEFORE ANYONE MAKES A CALL ON A TILE. IT IS RARE ENOUGH TO BE A YAKUMAN, AND IS TREATED AS SUCH IN SOME CIRCLES, BUT BECAUSE THAT WOULD USUALLY DROP THE PLAYER WHO DEALT IN BELOW ZERO FOR NO REAL FAULT OF THEIR OWN, IT IS COMMONLY DEMOTED TO BAIMAN, MANGAN, OR EVEN DISCOUNTED ALTOGETHER


This would be treated as Baiman, for 16000!
Under the current ruleset ...
And if, on his first discard as dealer, Akagi were to play the winning tile, it would be Renhou!
Even nor-mally, this would be 6400!

HE'LL PLAY IT!
EVEN THOUGH IT'S AKAGI, HE'LL PLAY IT!
THE QUES-TION IS...
IF WASHIZU-SAMA'S WINNING TILE...
THE PEI...

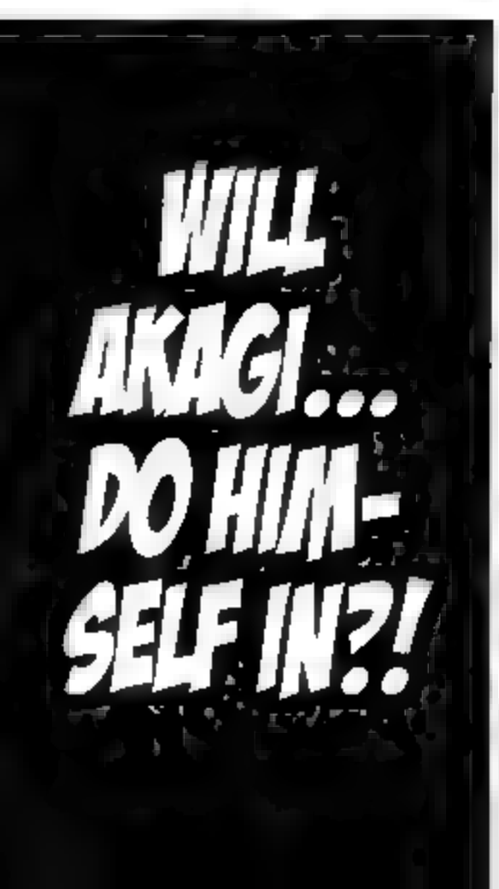
BE-CAUSE IF IT IS...


IF IT IS..!

IS ACTU-ALLY IN AKAGI'S HAND..!

AH-!

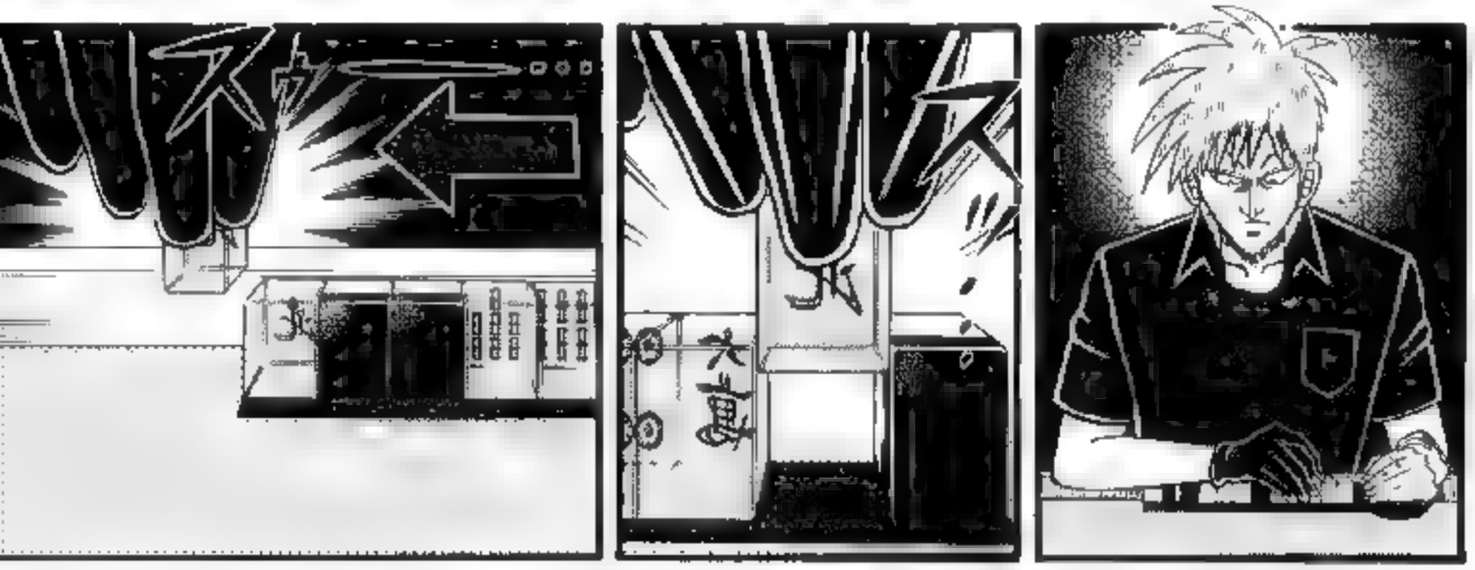
AHHHH!!


WILL AKAGI... DO HIM-SELF IN?!

WILL HE PLAY IT?!

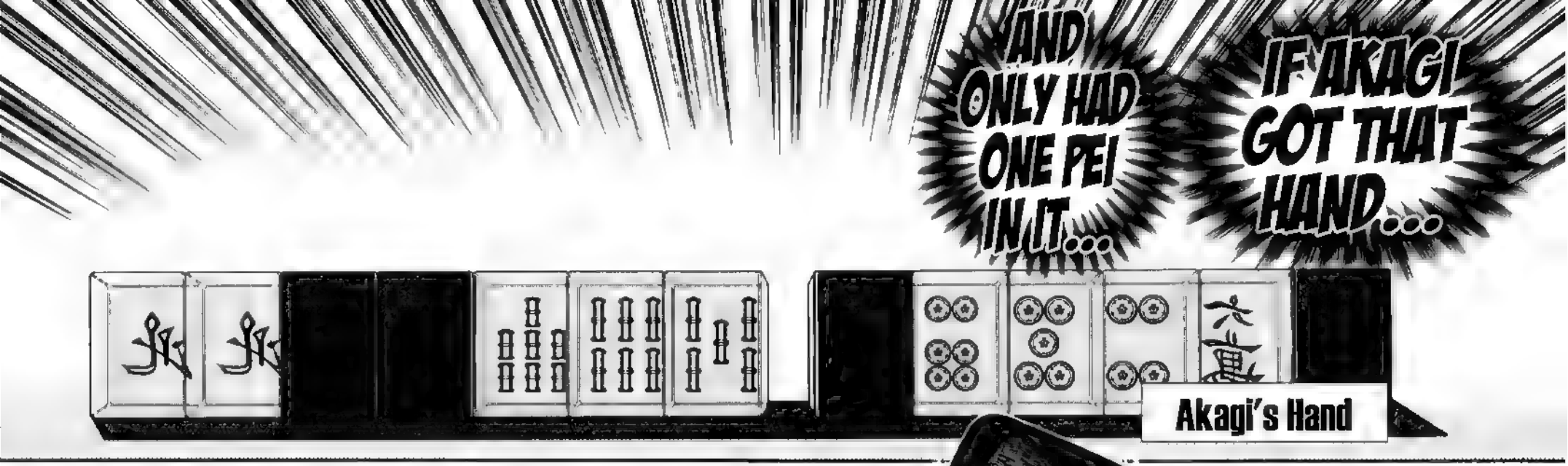
GGH
....!

KGGGHHHHHHH!

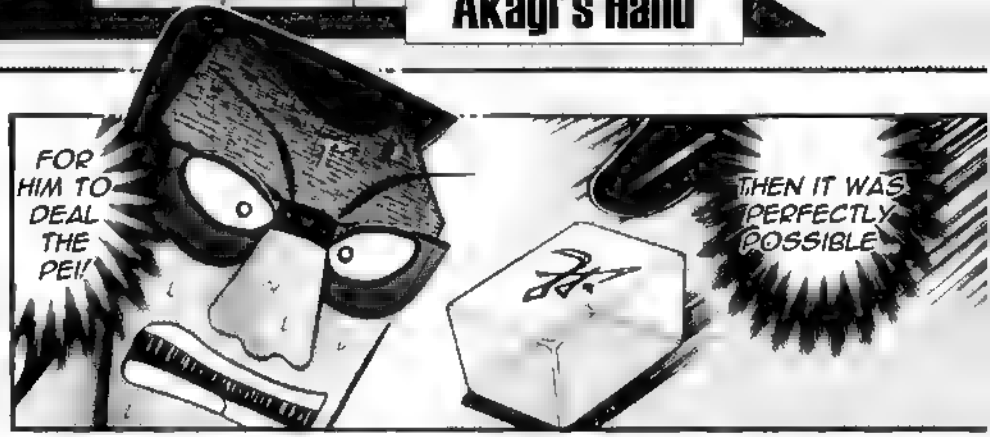


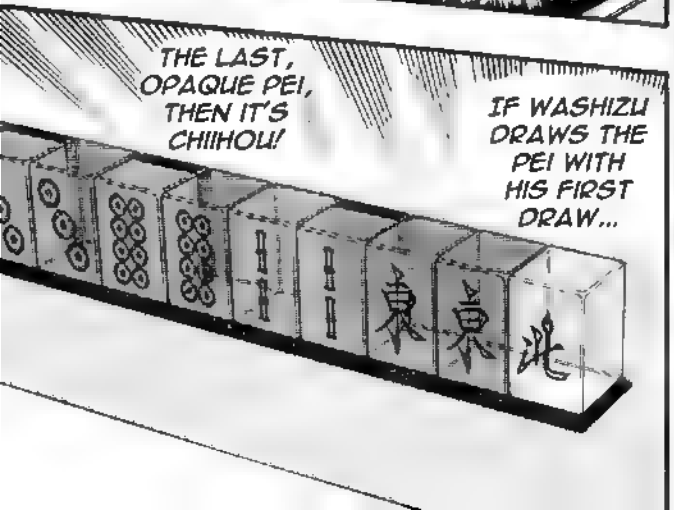
TWO!!

EVEN STILL, THAT WAS SO CLOSE!!
BUT...
SO HE HAD TWO PEI, HUH... CAN'T BE HELPED, THEN...
HE HAD TWO...
KGH...



T/N CHIIHOU IS LIKE RENHOU, BUT IT'S ALWAYS A YAKUMAN IN ANY RULESET TO GET IT, YOU DRAW YOUR WINNING TILE ON YOUR VERY FIRST DRAW AS A NON-DEALER, WITHOUT ANYONE ELSE HAVING CALLED ON TILES IF YOUR HAND IS ALREADY COMPLETE AS THE DEALER, THAT'S A TENHOU, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THING



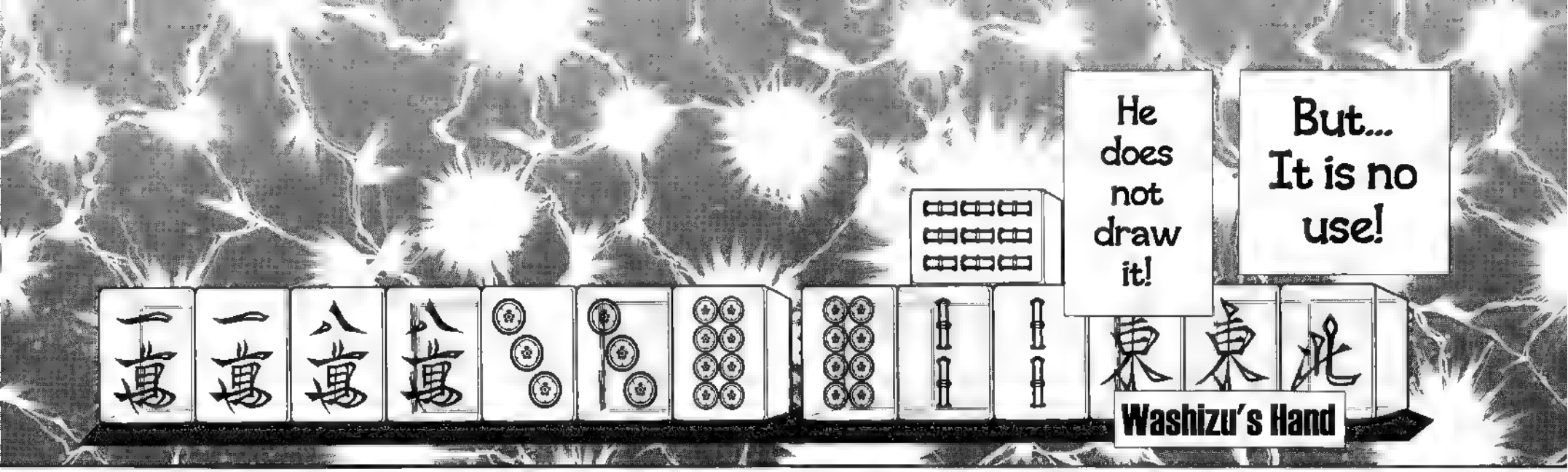


AKAGI WOULD PAY 16,000 AS THE DEALER!
A CHIIHOU, FOR YAKUMAN!
THAT WOULD SETTLE IT!!

OF COURSE ...
NORMALLY, THAT KIND OF THING WOULDN'T HAPPEN.
IT'S BECAUSE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN THAT IT'S A YAKUMAN!
BUT...

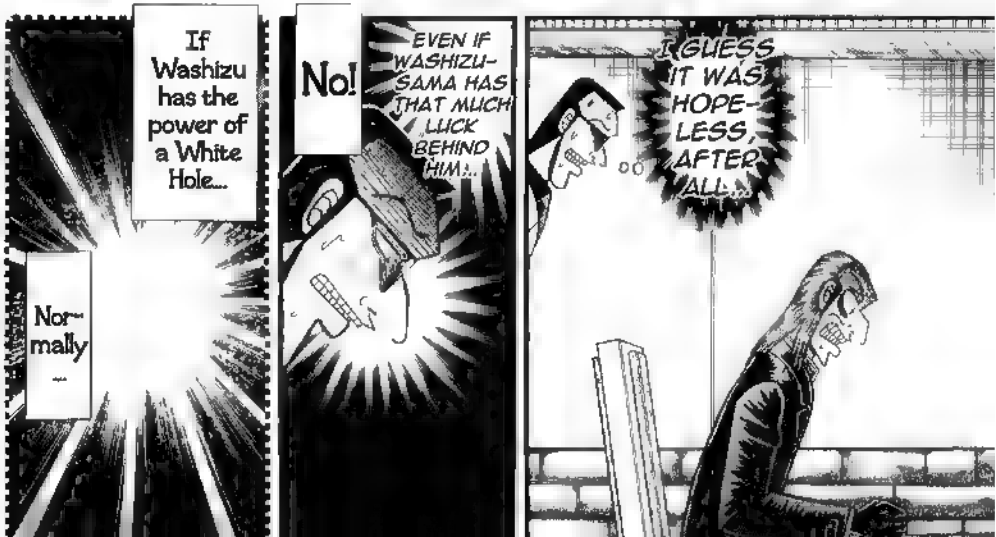
WITH THE POWER OF A WHITE HOLE, THEN...
IF IT'S WASHIZU IWAO...
IT'S WASHIZU IWAO!

BECAUSE THIS MAN CAN MAKE THE IMPOS-SIBLE...
IT'S COMPLETELY POSSIBLE!!
POSSIBLE!!


He does not draw it!
But... It is no use!
Washizu's Hand

To draw it would be his fate!
He would draw it, here!
But...
Managed to stifle Washizu's godly luck!
And this different force...
And this was...
There is a different force at work!
In this case...
Undeniably...
Without a question...

HR RRR RGH HHH!
RGH...
GGH!


If Washizu has the power of a White Hole...
Normally...
No!
EVEN IF WASHIZU-SAMA HAS THAT MUCH LUCK BEHIND HIM...
I GUESS IT WAS HOPELESS, AFTER ALL...

This mon-ster...
Took Washizu's winning tile, the Pei...
And sucked it in...
Con-sumed it...!
AKAGI!!!
THE BLACK HOLE...

EVERY LAST TILE!!!...

Wash-izu is also a mon-ster!

KHEH-HEH-HEH...

A wave of insight!

A feeling that that was the case!

He had a sensa-tion...

And a very talented monster, at that!

Can sense other monsters!
Monsters...
I SEE... SO THAT'S IT!
EH-HEH-HEH...!
KHEH-HEH-HEH...!
WELL DONE, AKAGI SHIGERU!

EVEN SO, AT THIS POINT, I'LL...
BUT...
RIICHI!!!
Washizu's 8-Sou Wait

WITH THIS, I'VE WON!
DOUBLE RIICHI!
T/N DOUBLE RIICHI RIICHI ON THE FIRST TURN, BEFORE ANY CALLS HAVE BEEN MADE WORTH 2 HAN

KHAH-HAH-HAH!!!
KHEE-HEE-HEE!
KHEH-HEH-HEH!
WHAAAAT?!
WHA...?

THAT'S SUP-POSED TO BE IMPOS-SIBLE!!
HOW CAN THIS HAP-PEN?!
KHO-HO-HO!
THAT... THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS!!
HOW CAN THIS ...!!
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KHEH-HEH-HEH!
GGH ...!

KHEH-HEH-HEH...!

KHEH-HEH-HEH...!!

HEHHHHHH!!

HEHHHHHH!!

GYAH-HAH-HAH-HAH!!

KHAH-HAH-HAH!!

KYAH-HAH-HAH!!

Washizu makes a Double Riichi!

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At this Double Riichi!

At this mo-ment...

KHEH-HEH-HEH...!

KGH...

Would be to have Suzuki, who has his win-ning tile...

The first...

There are two paths for Washizu to take.

Deal in, straight away!

How-ever...

This would be the safest choice!

That is...

A bold, and yet still reasonable choice to make!

There is one other way to go...

By drawing the winning tile himself, Washizu could drive a nail into Akagi's coffin!

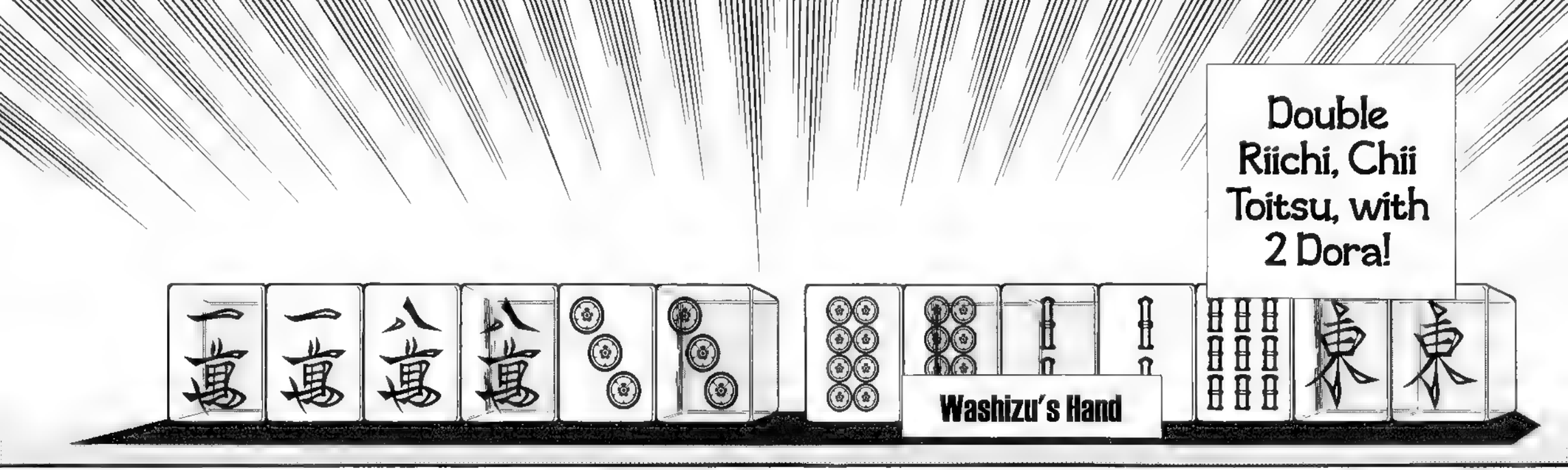
He could Tsumo!

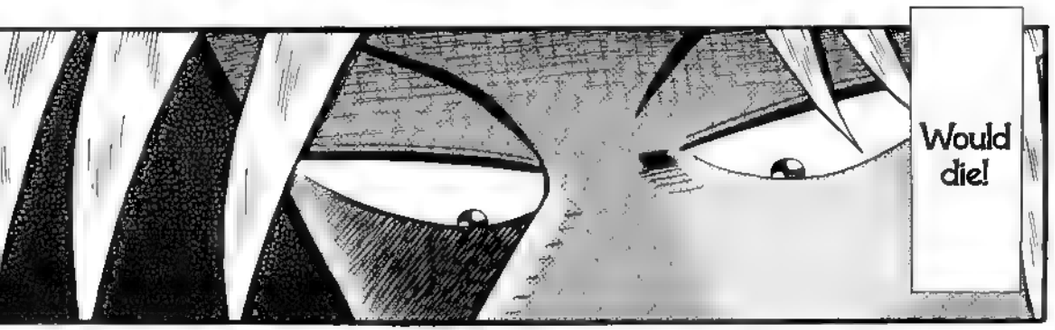
Even without Akagi dealing in...

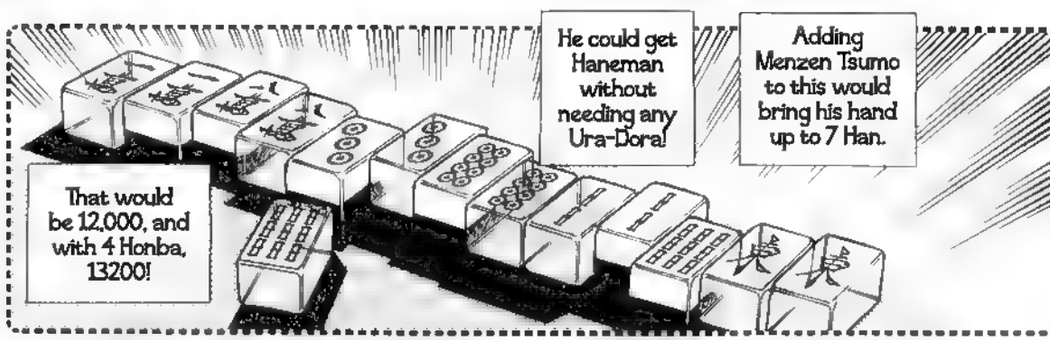
To wait for a Tsumo!

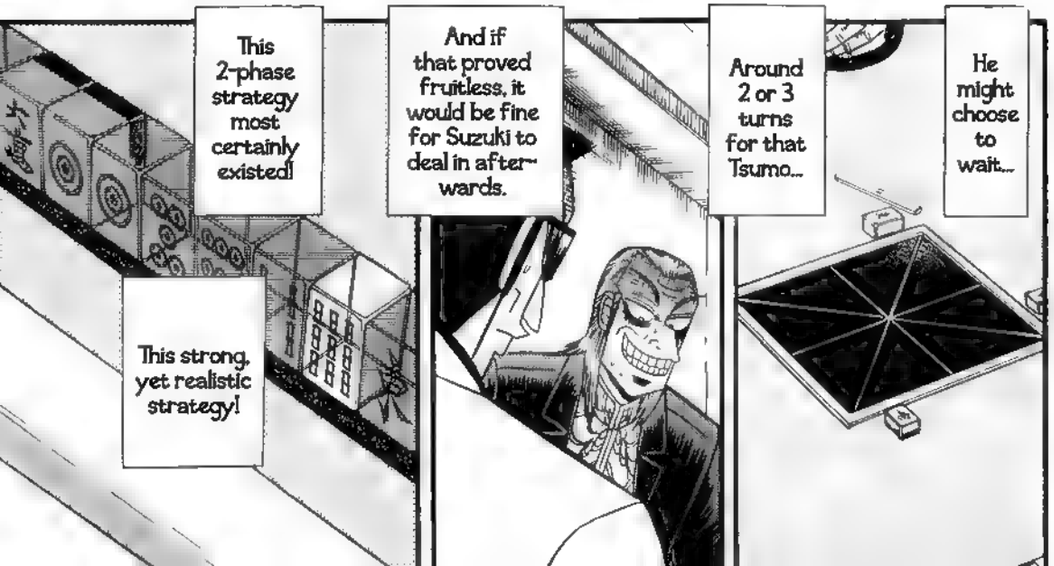
For Wash-izu's hand is...

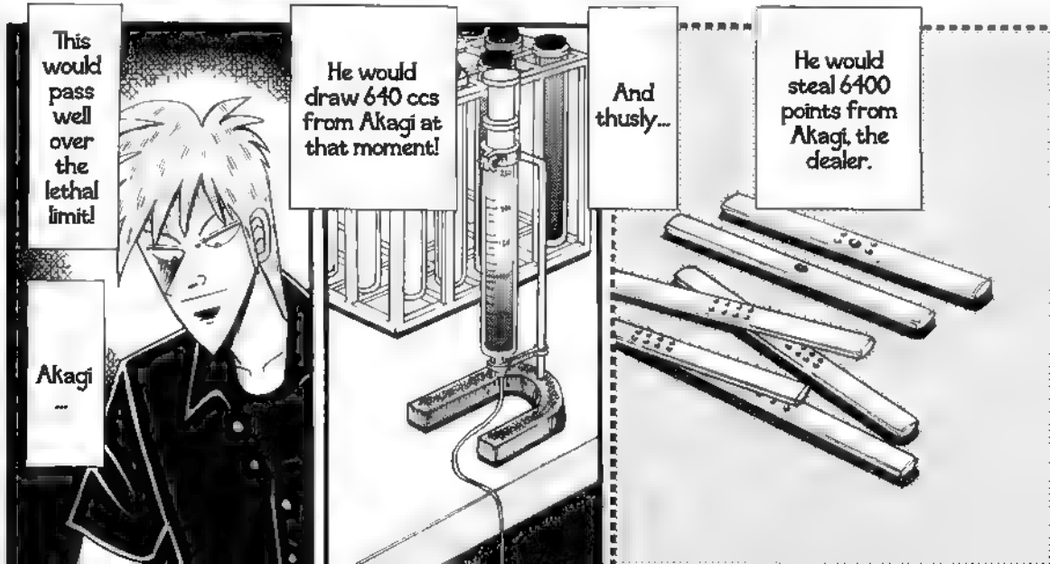
WASHIZU'S 8-SOU WAIT


Double Riichi, Chii Toitsu, with 2 Dora!
Washizu's Hand


Would die!


That would be 12,000, and with 4 Honba, 13200!
He could get Haneman without needing any Ura-Dora!
Adding Menzen Tsumo to this would bring his hand up to 7 Han.


This 2-phase strategy most certainly existed!
And if that proved fruitless, it would be fine for Suzuki to deal in afterwards.
Around 2 or 3 turns for that Tsumo...
He might choose to wait...
This strong, yet realistic strategy!


This would pass well over the lethal limit!
He would draw 640 ccs from Akagi at that moment!
And thusly...
He would steal 6400 points from Akagi, the dealer.
Akagi ...

Even so...!

But...

AKAGI SHIGERU...!

IT'S AKAGI SHIGERU...!

AN OGRE WHO TAKES FULL ADVANTAGE OF ANY OPENING YOU GIVE HIM!

WHICH IS WHY...

THE ONE I'M FACING AT THIS MOMENT IS AKAGI SHIGERU!

RIGHT NOW...

THAT'S THE ONLY THING I CAN THINK ABOUT!

WE MUST PLAY TO COMPLETE A HAND!

I CAN'T LET HIM HAVE THAT 2 OR 3 TURNS!

I MUSTN'T GIVE HIM ANYTHING OF THE SORT!

BUT THAT SUPERIORITY IS LIKE...

IT'S TRUE, I AM SUPERIOR, AT THE MOMENT!

THAT'S RIGHT!

YES!

Washizu's Hand

HAVING AN ADVANTAGE WHILE ON A SUSPENSION BRIDGE!
IT'S VERY DANGER-OUS!
IF I GET TOO CONFIDENT OR PRIDEFUL...
AND NEGLECT TO FINISH IT...
THE MOMENT HE SEES ANY SORT OF OPENING...
IN THAT INSTANT...

IN THAT MOMENT OF IDLE-NESS!

HE COULD WRESTLE MY ADVANTAGE FROM ME...

AND BEFORE I KNOW IT...

THE SITUA-TION WOULD REVERSE

THERE WOULD BE NO WAY OF TELLING WHO HAD THE ADVANTAGE!

I'D LOSE MY GOOD FORTUNE!

I MUSTN'T BEAT AROUND THE BUSH!

WHICH IS WHY...

FINISH IT!

YES, SIR!

WITHOUT HESITA-TION...

FINISH THE JOB!

KILL
PULL THE TRIGGER!!
THAT IS...

THE CORRECT DECISION!
RON!!!
RON!!
RON!
RON!
RON!
RON!
RON!!
RON!!!
RON!
RODODODODON!!!

DOOOOOOOOR!!

ON SU-ZUKI-KUN'S G-SOU!!!

GRGH!

WELL, THEN!

TIME FOR THE MUCH-ANTICIPATED URA-DORA!!

LET'S TAKE A LOOOK !!

OF COURSE IT HITS ME!

CHII TOITSU, 4 DORA!

DOUBLE RIICHI, IPPATSU ...

DORA INDICATOR

URA DORA INDICATOR

A BAI-MAAA-AAN!!

WELL, IT'S ONLY NATURAL, OF COURSE!

KGH...

KHEE-HEE-HEE!

KHAH-HAH-HAH!

GRGH...

THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS!!

KHEH-HEH-HEH!

IT'S LIKE SOME DUMB JOKE !!

WHAT THE HELL... WINNING ON THE FIRST TURN?!

THIS ISN'T EVEN MAH-JONG!!

YOU PILE OF GAR-BAGE!

SHUT UP...

THIS IS COM-PLETELY NORMAL!

WITH WASHIZU IWAO'S PLAY STYLE...

THIS IS MY MAH-JONG !!

HUH?

プル…
プル…
プル…
プル…
プル…
プル…
プル…

MM
MM
MM
MM
MM
M!!!

I'LL WIN, AD INFINI-TUM!!

I'M GOING TO WIN!! I'LL WIN!!

MY ERA...

THIS IS REALLY IT!!

THIS IS IT, THIS IS IT!!

THIS IS MY ERA!
AS LONG AS I STILL LIVE!!

EH-
HEH-
HEH...!

KHEH-
HEH-
HEH...!

EH-
HEH...

YES!

Wash-
izu...

KHAH-
HAH-
HAH-
HAH
!!

Settles it!

With
this
Chii
Toitsu
win!

.....

YES!!

YES!!

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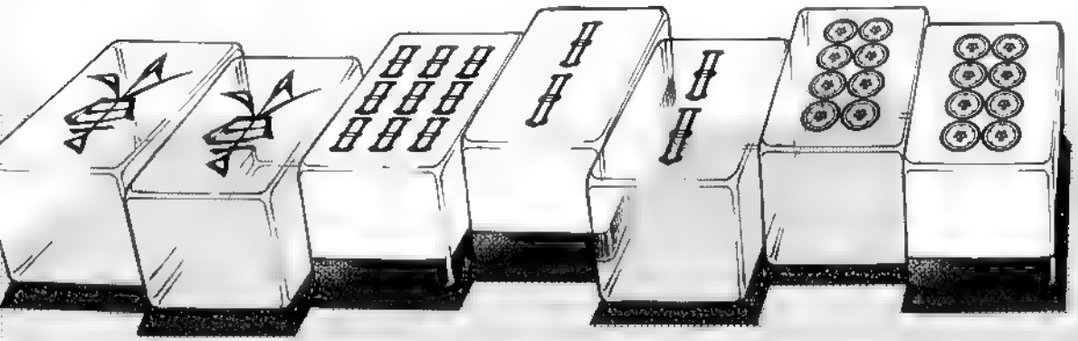

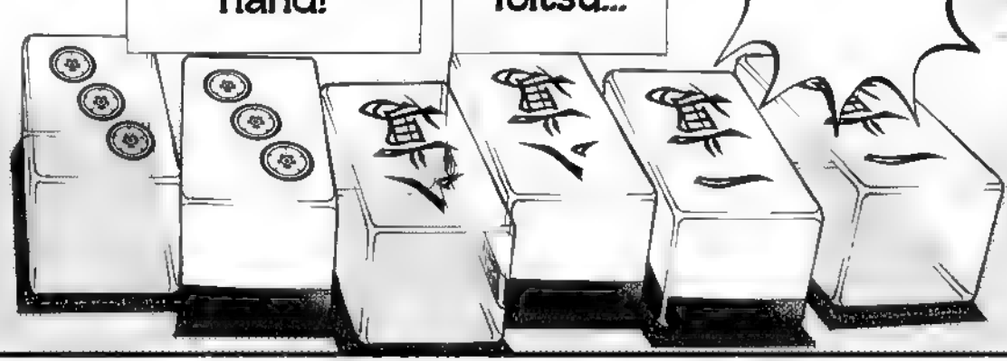

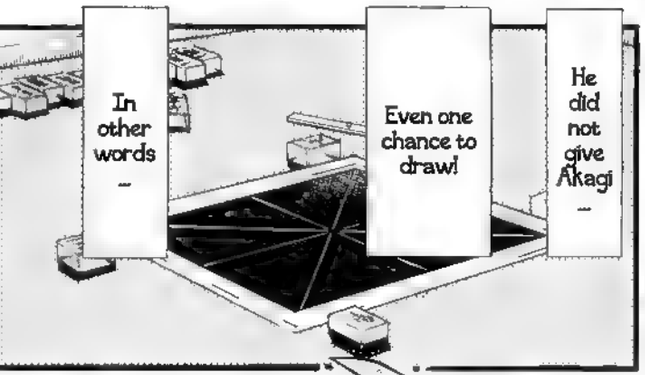

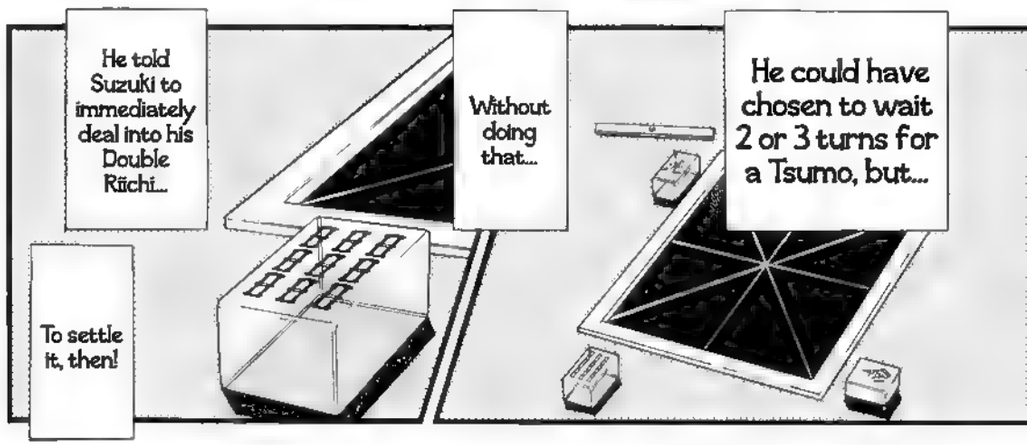
He told Suzuki to immediately deal into his Double Riichi...
To settle it, then!
Without doing that...
He could have chosen to wait 2 or 3 turns for a Tsumo, but...

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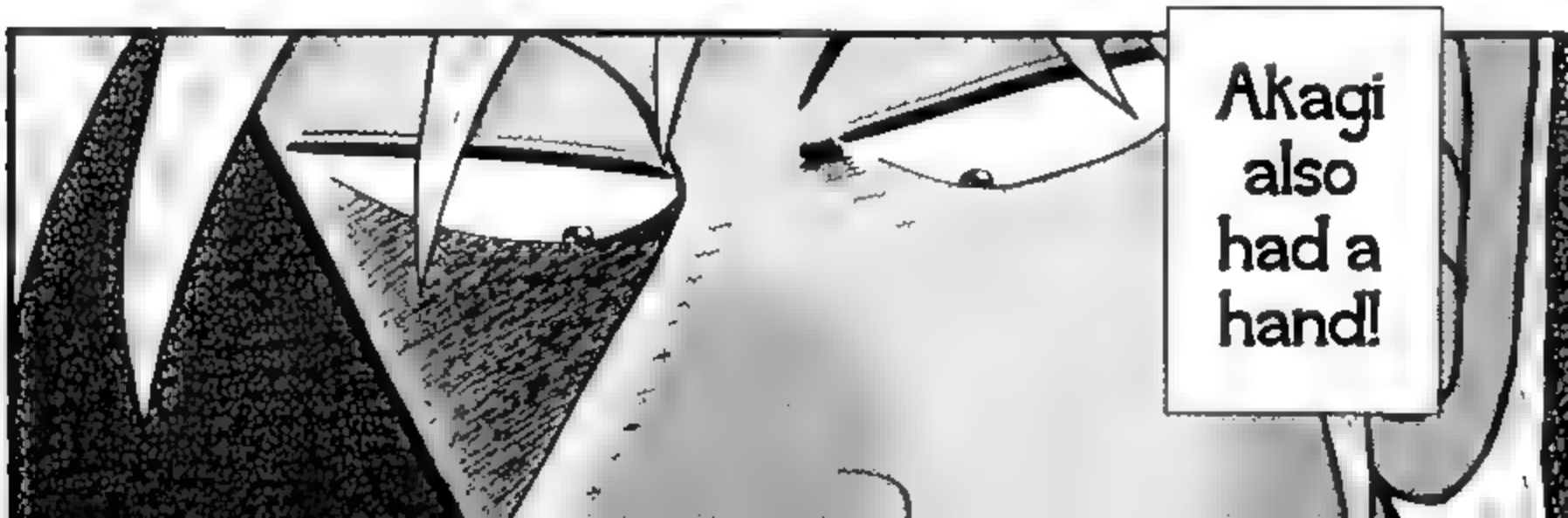
ウウウ。。。
A com-plete block-ade!

And, at this time...


Akagi also had a hand!

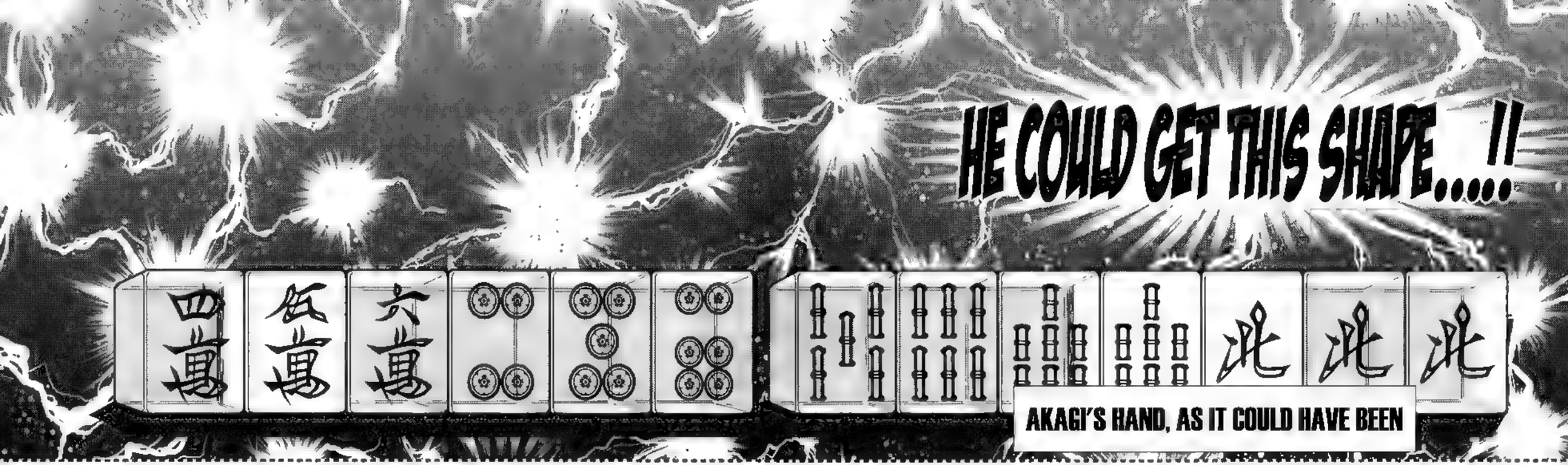
A devilishly fast hand 1 tile from Tenpai!

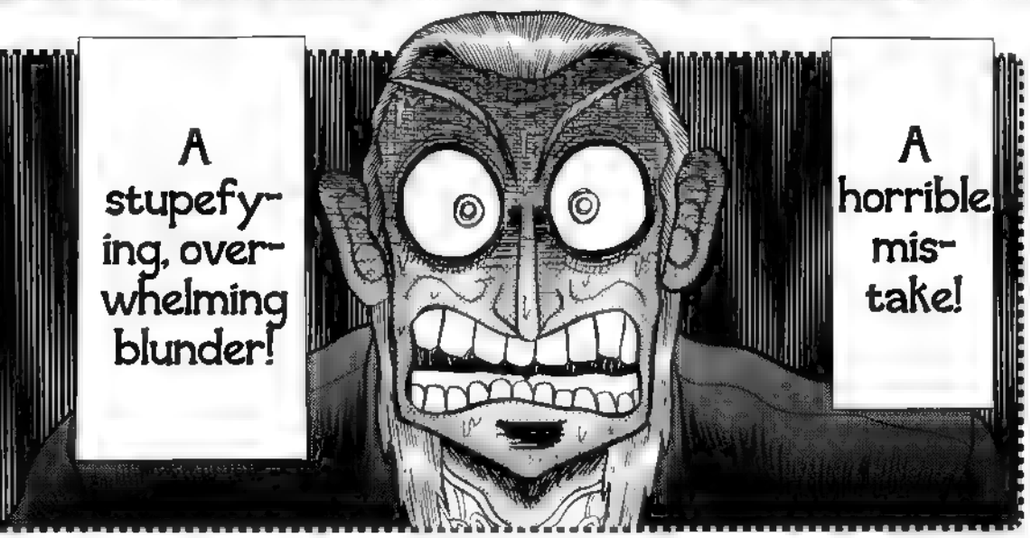
His starting hand was in an ideal 1-Shan-Ten...

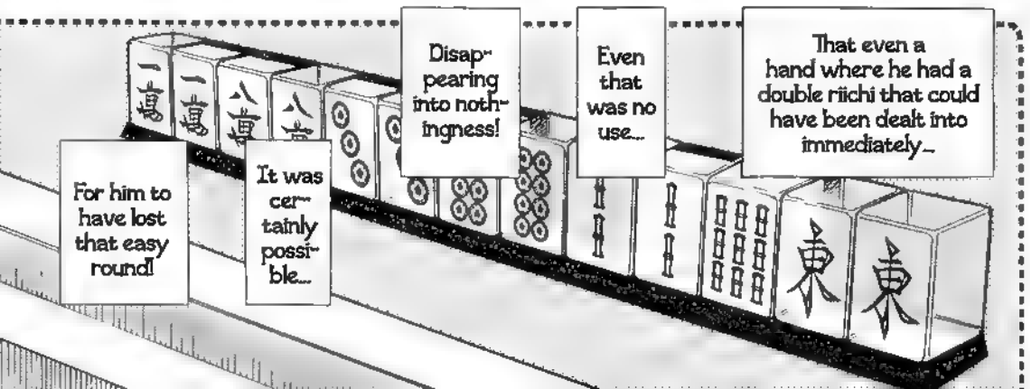
Then, on that one turn...

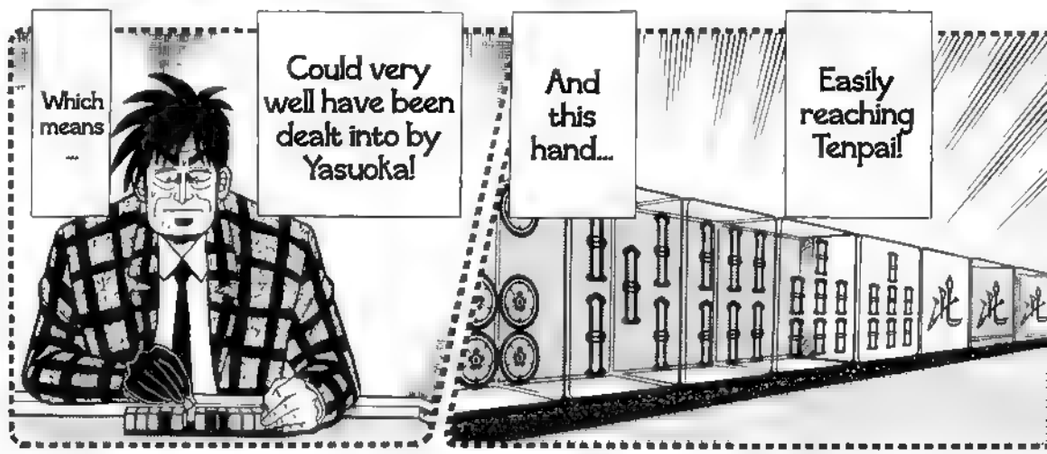
If Akagi had been given even one turn to draw...

And so...


HE COULD GET THIS SHAPE....!!
AKAGI'S HAND, AS IT COULD HAVE BEEN


A stupefying, overwhelming blunder!
A horrible mistake!


For him to have lost that easy round!
It was certainly possible...
Disappearing into nothingness!
Even that was no use...
That even a hand where he had a double riichi that could have been dealt into immediately...


Which means...
Could very well have been dealt into by Yasuoka!
And this hand...
Easily reaching Tenpai!

For him to keep his dealer turn!
And from Washizu's perspective...
Possible for Akagi to win!
It was possible!
Had Washizu waited even one turn...

It was a decisive judge-ment!

Which is why...

A sound, decisive decision!

Against Akagi's counter-attack!

Before it had even hap-pened!

He had de-fended against that...

Even disregarding anything else, the first priority...

For, in the situation he was in...

That was more important than anything.

ゴ"ト...

To prevent Akagi from racking up any more Honba!

That took priority!

ゴ"ト...

Was to stop his dealership!

ゴ"ト...

A snap judgement...

A truly invaluable, swift attack!

A prompt decision!

ゴ"ト...

Did not look past that truth!

And Washizu...

WASHIZU-SAMA...

To immediately win the hand!

And so...

But with this Baiman, the difference had risen...

Akagi's hot pursuit of Washizu had brought the point difference down to 22800.

Before this win...

In Washizu Mahjong, where having your ally deal in is encouraged...

In truth, this was also huge!

That was the type of win this was!

Once again, to precisely 40,000 points.

If you are able to get into Tenpai for a Yakuman...

It becomes that much easier to win with it.

All you need to do is have your partner deal into it!

Mean-ing...

Like what hap-pened in this round...

It would be okay, is very desirable!

Making it so that, even if such a thing were to happen...

Which is why...

It is much easier to get a Yakuman than in normal mahjong.

Having such a big difference as that...

Makes it a com-pletely safe lead!

Having a point difference over the 32,000-point value of a Yaku-man is very good!

There-fore...

It be-comes much easier to run away!

Thus, with that safety ensured ...

KHAH-HAH-HAH!

KHEH-HEH-HEH!

TAKEN AKAGI'S DEALER-SHIP!

FINALLY WRENCHED IT FROM HIM!

ゴト..

ゴト..

ゴト..

I'VE FINALLY ...

AKAGI'S DEALER TURN!

THE PREPOS-TEROUSLY HUGE BOULDER THAT WAS BLOCKING MY ESCAPE ROUTE...

HAS FINALLY...

THAT OBS-TACLE ...

TO THE BOTTOM OF A RAVINE!!

BEEN SENT ROLLING...

GWGW GWGW GWGW

AT LONG LAST!!

IT HAS OPENED!

YES!

GOD!

A PATH TOWARDS VICTORY!!

A DECISIVE LIGHT OFF IN THE DISTANCE...

I CAN WIN!

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, NOW!!

J"...

I CAN WIN THIS, NOW!

Was quite long.

The final session of Washizu Mahjong...

I CAN SEE IT!!

I CAN SEE IT!

I CAN SEE IT!

However, with this Double Riichi by Washizu, it had been set in motion!

As if it were clinging to him, the game had stopped.

Had slowed it to a halt!

Akagi, through his dealer turn...

To the next stage of the battle...

.....

At long last ...!

To the South 2nd Round, Yasuoka's dealer turn...

KHEH- HEH- HEH...

The players draw their starting hands.

NOWWWW, JUST 3 MORE ROUNDS...!

YOU'RE SWIMMING UPSTREAM NOW...

I SHALL NOT LOSE ANY LONGER!

FROM NOW ON, I'LL REJECT IT ALL!

I'LL REJECT IT!

A white hole...

.....

YOU SEE, AKAGI ?!

Only for a brief moment!

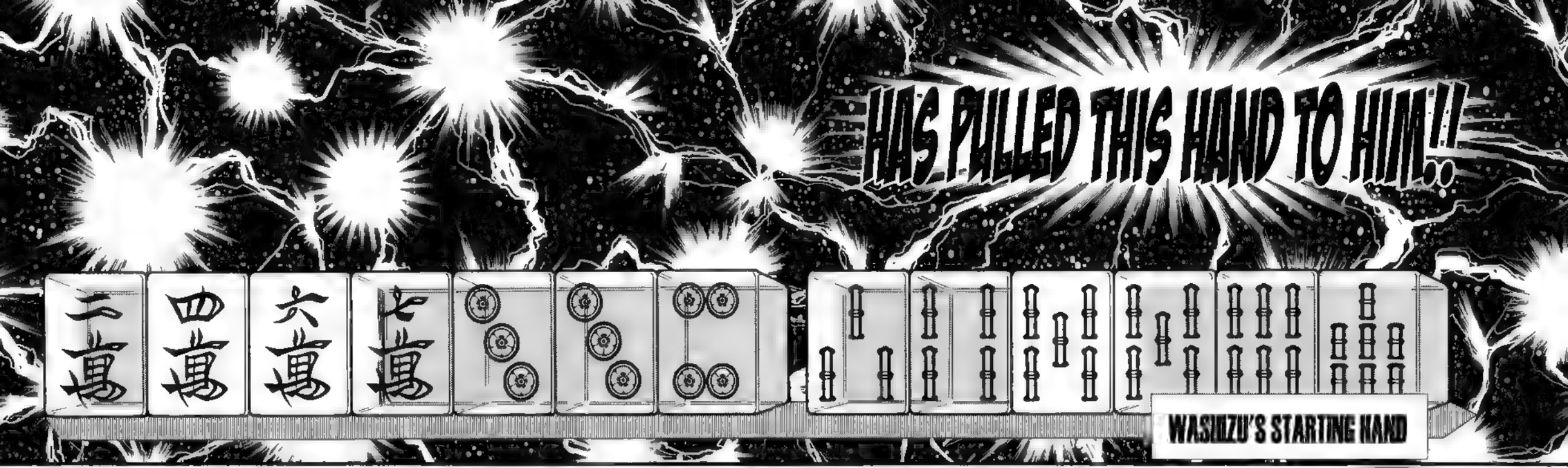
Shines forth an overwhelming, extreme kind of light, but...

There is after-glow!

And that after-glow...

However...

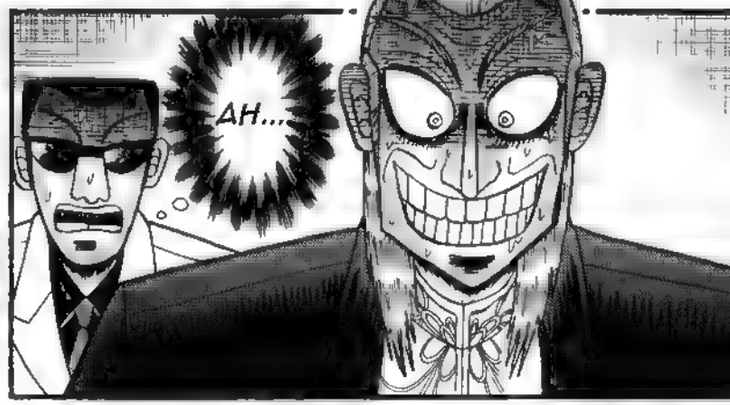
Right now, Washizu is not in that moment...


HAS PULLED THIS HAND TO HIM!!
二萬 四萬 六萬 七萬
WASHIZU'S STARTING HAND

THAT TAKES PRECEDENCE, HERE!
THAT'S MORE CRUCIAL THAN ANYTHING...
IS TO WIN A HAND AND MOVE TO THE NEXT ROUND!
ALL HE NEEDS RIGHT NOW...

ABSOLUTELY IDEAL!!
IT'S IDEAL!

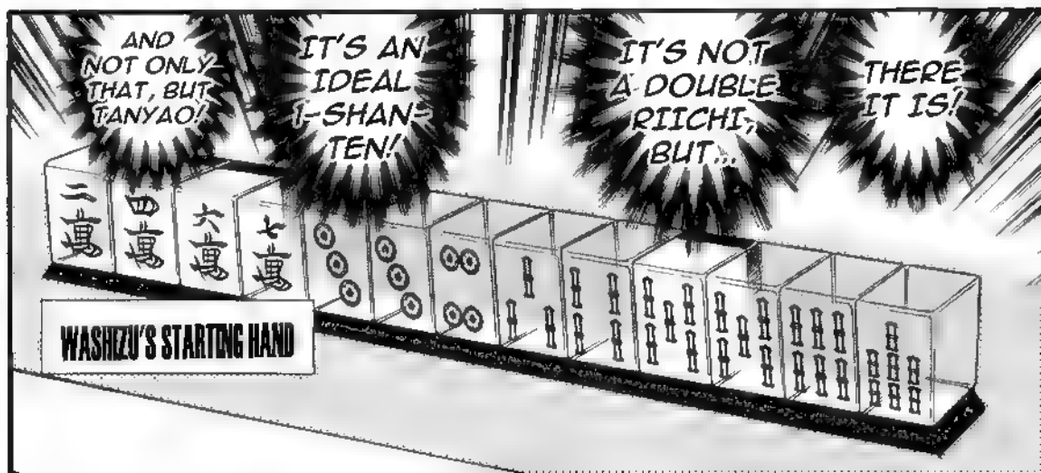
AHHH...!!


AH...

KHEH-HEH-HEH...!

IT'S THE BEST HAND HE COULD HAVE ASKED FOR!
IS AWE-IN-SPIR-ING!!

SO THIS HAND...
I WAS THINKING THAT JUST A WHILE AGO...


AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT TANYAO!
IT'S AN IDEAL 1-SHAN-TEN!
IT'S NOT A DOUBLE RIICHI, BUT...
THERE IT IS!
二萬 四萬 六萬 七萬
WASHIZU'S STARTING HAND

I'M AS GOOD AS USUAL, RIGHT NOW!

I HAVE IIIIIT!

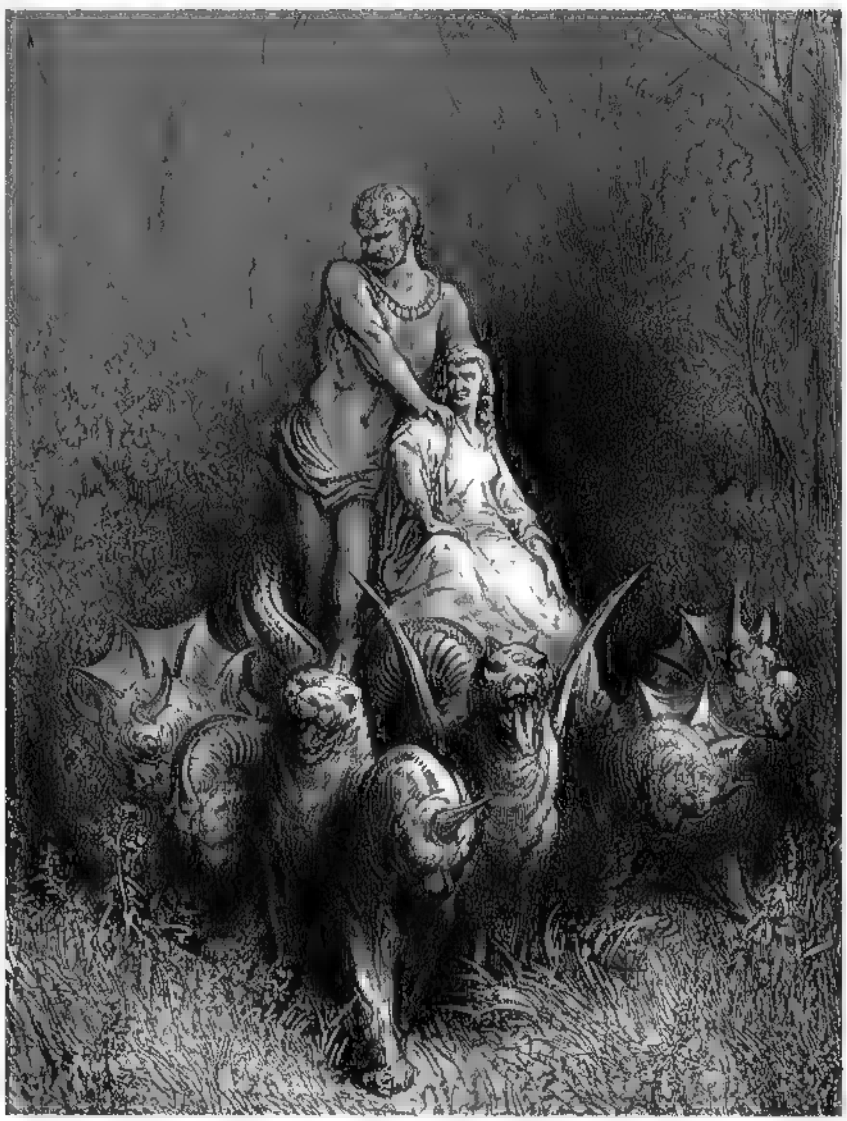
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO A THING, THIS ROUND!

SO SORRY, AKAGI...

WASHIZU'S STARTING HAND

AKAGI 23 / FIN

IT WILL END WITHOUT YOU DOING A THING!!



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